

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: ELIZABETH ANN SHORT, a.k.a.**  
**"THE BLACK DAHLIA"**

## b7c Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Call: 7:45 PM, 1/19/47  
DATE: 1/20/47

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : E. H. Winterrowd

SUBJECT: SHORT MURDER CASE,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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At the above time, Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office called and advised that a [redacted] Washington correspondent of the "Los Angeles Times," had requested telephonically any information that the Bureau had concerning a [redacted] [redacted] stated he had received a wire from his paper requesting information in the possession of the Bureau, as well as Army or Navy, concerning [redacted] who allegedly was or was to be arrested in connection with the murder of the Short girl whom, it will be recalled, was found in a [redacted] mutilated condition.

The above information was conveyed to Assistant Director Nichols who stated that [redacted] should be advised that the Bureau was in no position to comment on this matter and that it was a matter of local jurisdiction and, accordingly, the Bureau must be most hesitant in inserting itself into such a matter. This answer was conveyed to Special Agent [redacted] who stated that he would contact [redacted] and advise him of the above.

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January 22, 1947

Dear [REDACTED] b7C

The information set forth in your letter dated January 10, 1947, has been noted and your thoughtfulness in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director b7C [REDACTED]

CC - Los Angeles with copy of incoming  
Attention, SAC: For your information and for whatever  
action you deem necessary b7C

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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January 19, 1947

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have a suggestion. "Black Dahia,"

Elizabeth Short, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Ex-Marine
2. Race - White
3. Age - 28 to 30
4. Hair - Red Handsome
5. Weight - about 160 lbs.
6. Irish and English
7. 5' 10" tall
8. Check all camps in Calif. and hospital
9. Within 2 weeks murder be caught

I hope you find these help the police.

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/s/

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CONF WASHINGTON 1, WASHINGTON FIELD 1, LOS ANGELES 1 AND

25 1-55 PM

1 FROM NEW YORK

UNKNOWN SUBJECT., ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDER, MISC. INFO CONCERNING  
VICTIM; ALSO KNOWN AS BLACK DAHLIA, MURDERED JAN. FIFTEEN, FORTY  
SEVEN. RETEL FROM LA TO DIRECTOR AND NY DATED JAN. TWENTYTHIRD  
LAST ADVISING [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED PHOTO  
FOUND IN VICTIMS EFFECTS AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS A PSYCHONEUROTIC PATIENT,  
WHOSE WIFE COMMITTED SUICIDE [REDACTED] AFTER KILLING CHILD.  
TRUE NAME OF SUSPECT [REDACTED]

IS [REDACTED]

SUICIDE [REDACTED] HIS WIFE COMMITTED  
AFTER KILLING TWO YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.  
SUSPECT CONFINED AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SUSPECT ADVISED [REDACTED] IS A MENTAL CASE.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO FULL DESCRIPTION

AVAILABLE IN NY. WASH FIELD ASCERTAIN ADDRESSES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SECURE DESCRIPTION, PHOTO,  
BACKGROUND AND LEADS [REDACTED] AS TO WHEREABOUTS FROM AGO RECORDS. ST. LOUIS

CONDUCT SAME TYPE INVESTIGATION BY CHECKING DEMOBILIZED PERSONNEL

ARMY RECORDS [REDACTED] CONDUCT DISCREET INQUIRY AT LAST

KNOWN HOME ADDRESS OF SUSPECT AND FAMILY AT [REDACTED]

IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECT AT

COMMISSION OF MURDER, JAN. FIFTEEN, LAST [REDACTED] CHECK

[REDACTED] FOR ADDRESSES - CHECK MAIL TO.

SUTEL BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, ORIGIN AND CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION

SCHEIDT [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS ADVISED. 4

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*Transmitted to Los. A.  
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CONF 39 ANGELES 1 BUREAU 1 FROM [REDACTED] 1 26  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELIZABETH SHORT VICTIM, MURDER, MISCELLANEOUS

43 RE TELETYPE LOS ANGELES TO [REDACTED] AND ST. LOUIS, JANUARY

TWENTY THREE LAST, ALSO CONFERENCE TELETYPE FROM NEW YORK,  
JANUARY TWENTY FIVE. [REDACTED] PURCHASED HOUSE AT

[REDACTED] ABOUT SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTY FIVE  
AND HAS RESIDED AT [REDACTED] SINCE THAT DATE AND HAS MADE

EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO [REDACTED] HOUSE. MOTHER,

[REDACTED] OWNS [REDACTED] PRESENTLY CLOSED AND  
MOTHER GONE [REDACTED] REMARRIED ABOUT EASTER,

NINETEEN FORTY SIX TO GIRL [REDACTED] NAMED QUOTE [REDACTED] MAIDEN

NAME POSSIBLY [REDACTED] FROM CALIFORNIA, BELIEVED TO BE LOS  
ANGELES. ACQUAINTANCES THINK [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MARRIED IN

NEW YORK CITY. [REDACTED] POLICE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWS [REDACTED] AND SAW HIM AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] THIS STORE PRODUCED  
RECORDS AND ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS ACCOUNT AT STORE. [REDACTED]

IN STORE [REDACTED] AND MADE PURCHASE ON JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN

FORTY SEVEN, . HE ADVISED [REDACTED] HE WAS DRIVING TO

CALIFORNIA TO BRING BACK HIS WIFE [REDACTED] WHO FLEW TO [REDACTED]

CALIFORNIA FROM [REDACTED] JANUARY

TEN, LAST TO VISIT HER PARENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] LAST [REDACTED] NAME  
UNKNOWN, LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY FIFTEEN

LAST, DRIVING [REDACTED] NINETEEN FORTY TWO BUICK SEDAN TO BRING  
[REDACTED] BACK TO [REDACTED]

APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH

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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy



PAGE TWO

[REDACTED] POSITIVE [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN [REDACTED] CONTINUOUSLY  
DURING LAST FEW MONTHS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FEW DAYS SPENT  
IN [REDACTED] ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND OCCASIONAL ONE DAY TRIPS TO  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

STATE POLICE ADVISED [REDACTED] HAS [REDACTED] REGISTRATION  
PLATES, [REDACTED] A NINETEEN FORTY  
TWO [REDACTED] SEDAN, COLOR BLACK SERIAL  
NUMBER [REDACTED] ACQUAINTANCES.  
ADVISE [REDACTED] VERY HEAVY DRINKER, SPENDS MONEY FREELY,  
[REDACTED] NOT EMPLOYED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RECORDS CHECKED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS

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1 to Los Angeles

CONF WASH 11 AND NYC 3 FROM LOSA 23 3-17 PM

DIRECTOR SAC NEW YORK URGENT

UNSUB., ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDER, INFO CONCERNING. IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF BRUTAL MURDER OF ELIZABETH SHORT IN L.A. JAN FIFTEENTH NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN REQUEST ASSISTANCE

OF BUREAU IN DETERMINING IDENTITY OF SUSPECT IDENTIFIED ONLY

AS [REDACTED] FIRST NAME UNKNOWN. INFORMANT [REDACTED]

IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] IN PICTURE AND STATES SUSPECT WAS [REDACTED]

IN US ARMY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED], KILLED THEIR CHILD AND COMMITTED SUICIDE. AFTER THIS EVEN [REDACTED] WENT TO PIECES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WAS PLACED IN PSYCHO WARD FOR TREATMENT. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUT UNKNOWN. IT IS BELIEVED [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED FROM ARMY UNDER SECTION EIGHT, PSYCHO NEUROSIS.

[REDACTED] CHECK [REDACTED] NEWSPAPER MORGUE IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT AND ASCERTAIN BACKGROUND, WHEREABOUTS, AND DESCRIPTION. [REDACTED] IF SUS-

PECT IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST ST. LOUIS CHECK ARMY RECORDS RE DISCHARGE AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO.

HOOD

PLS NOTE THAT [REDACTED] AND ST. LOUIS WILL BE ADVISED

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JANUARY 29, 1947

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

[REDACTED] POLICE  
ATTENTION [REDACTED]  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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REURLET JANUARY TWENTY FIFTH, ELIZABETH SHORT, MURDER. LATENT FINGERPRINT  
SEARCHED THROUGH THIS BUREAU'S SINGLE FINGERPRINT FILE WITHOUT EFFECTING AN  
IDENTIFICATION. CONFIRMING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FBI

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JANUARY 24, 1947

b7c TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC'S LOS ANGELES, [REDACTED] AND NEW YORK  
UNSUB, ELIZ SHORT, VICTIM. RE LOS ANGELES WIRE JANUARY TWENTY THREE.  
SUTEL BUREAU RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION REQUESTED REFERENCE TELETYPE.  
LOS ANGELES REMAIN ALERT TO AND ADVISE BUREAU OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.  
CONSIDER UFAP POSSIBILITIES IF NECESSARY JURISDICTIONAL FACTS ARE  
DEVELOPED.

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Rosen  
Tracy  
Carson  
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Harbo  
Hendon  
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Quinn  
Tamm

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : Mr. Edw. A. Tamm

SUBJECT:

DATE: 1-30-47

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

Mr. Glavin ☒

Mr. Ladd ☒

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Tracy ☒

Mr. Carson ☒

Mr. Egan ☒

Mr. Gurnea ☒

Mr. Harbo ☒

Mr. Hendon ☒

Mr. Pennington ☒

Mr. Quinn Tamm ☒

Tele. Room ☒

Mr. Nease ☒

Miss Gandy ☒

In connection with our effort to assist the local authorities by securing Social Security information regarding a suspect in connection with the murder of Elizabeth Short at Los Angeles, you inquired as to whether Social Security lets us have any information.

During the war, by special arrangement, Social Security furnished us confidentially with information based on our certification that it was needed in connection with a case growing out of the war and having to do with such matters as Espionage, Sabotage and subversive activities. You will recall that just recently they wrote saying that since the President has issued the proclamation terminating hostilities it would now be necessary to say specifically the case arose during and out of the war. We sent a protest to the Attorney General explaining that we now have cases which have arisen since the cessation of hostilities which are at least as important if not more so than those during the war and requested him to effect arrangements whereby we could receive this very valuable data.

The instant request to Social Security appeared to be an excellent opportunity to get on record asking for assistance in apprehending the perpetrator of a most heinous murder. If they comply, it will be a precedent and if they refuse it will be an excellent instance to cite in our efforts to gain access to their records. The request was delivered by hand but the reply has not been forthcoming as yet. You will be advised immediately.

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*yes let me know*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. JANUARY 31, 1947

Transmit the following message to: LOS ANGELES

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT. ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDER. SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION FORMALLY REFUSES TO COOPERATE BY FURNISHING DATA ON  
VICTIM'S EMPLOYMENT RECORD.

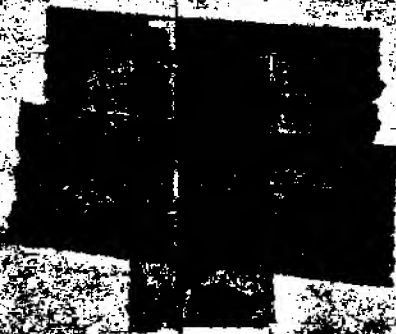
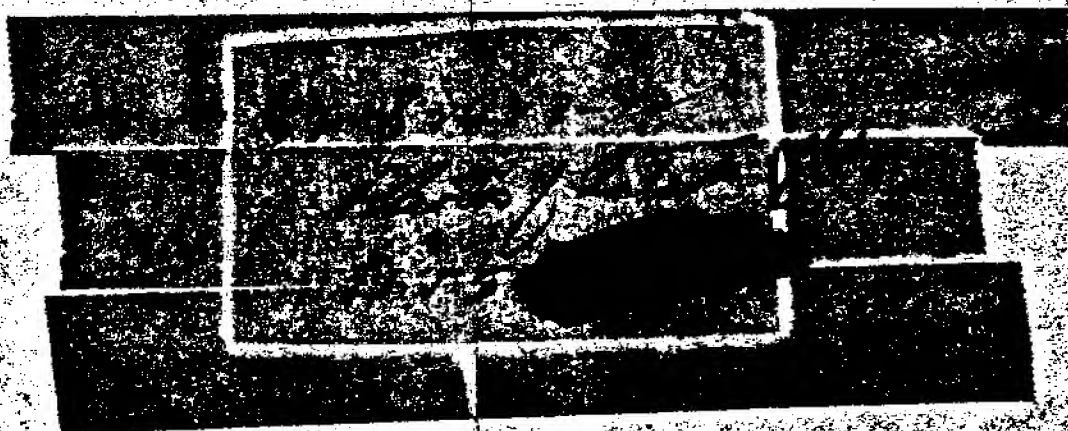
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles (13) California  
January 31, 1947

Director, FBI

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
(SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION)

Re: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith three photographs of fingerprints removed from an anonymous letter addresses to the Los Angeles Police Department concerning the mutilation murder of ELIZABETH SHORT. It is requested that these prints be checked through the Single Fingerprint Section and if an identification is made that this office be notified by teletype immediately. In the event an identification is not made from these prints, it is requested that same be retained in the Single Fingerprint Section for possible future identification.

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Very truly yours,

F. B. MCOD  
SAC

Encl. (3)

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b2/ [redacted]

February 15, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your letter of January 31, 1947, submitting three photographs of latent impressions for examination in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928.

You are advised that the four latent fingerprints appearing in the photographs were searched through the single fingerprint file, but no identifications were effected. The photographs are being retained for any future comparisons which might be desired.

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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Hendon
- Miss Gandy

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MAILED 5  
☆ FEB 15 1947 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date recorded: 2-4-47 9:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Number: 62-82627-12

Case: RE: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Specimens: Three photographs of latent impressions, submitted for fingerprint examination.

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 2-3-47 [redacted] b7C

Date of reference communication: 1-31-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

TELETYPE IN IDENT

Four latent fpts. of value  
searches as follows:

1, B?L, 17, C?D #6

Arch all ten fingers

W A2?A3, C+, ?, D+ #3 & #8

W A3?A1, C+, ?, D+ #4 & #7

Dictated 2-13-47 [redacted] b7C

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2-15-47

# Cops Doubt Dahlia 'Slayer's' Admitted

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29—A shabbily dressed young Army veteran, Daniel S. Voorhees, was hooked on suspicion of murdering Elizabeth Short today after he signed a five-word confession admitting the slaying of the 22-year-old Black Dahlia.

Police were not convinced of Voorhees' guilt, and were awaiting further word from another "confessed slayer," who had promised to give himself up at 10 a. m. today, almost two weeks after the girl's mutilated body was found in a lover's lane.

Voorhees' confession read:

"I did kill Beth Short."

He refused to amplify his statement.

Voorhees surrendered by phone and asked to be arrested.

"I can't stand it any longer," the curly haired Voorhees told police. "I have a wife and little girl in Phoenix."

His only connection with the Black

Dahlia was his statement that he dated her in 1941 and had seen her several times since.

"I was out with her two weeks ago," he said. "I took her on the bus."

He refused to tell where he took her.

As far as police know, Miss Short first came to California in 1943, two years after Voorhees said he dated her.

Police said they would not try to give Voorhees a lie detector test until he had recovered from his "bewildered and befuddled" state.

Voorhees said he was booked on a rape charge in Phoenix in 1941 but did not serve time. He said he was released to serve in the Air Corps.

Then he contradicted himself and said his Army service began in 1943, not 1941. He was released in 1943, still a private.

The other "slayer" backed down yesterday in a new note asking for terms of surrender.

"I will give up in Dahlia killing get 10 years. Don't try to find said the note.

Police also questioned Cleo Short, estranged father of the dead girl, a second time and released him.

A one-time roommate of the dead girl, 16-year-old Lynn Martin, told police more of her own experiences than of Miss Short's. She was to be questioned again today.

The girl, who masqueraded as a 14-year-old model, admitted an acquaintance with free-lance Photographer George Price, 43, and said she had posed in the nude for him for lewd pictures.

Price's name was in the Dahlia's address book. He was questioned but de-

nied knowing Miss Short.

Police said that at a preliminary hearing on Martin's testimony 11 men would be charged with contributing to her delinquency.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: January 29, 1947

TO : MR. ROSEN

FROM : C. W. EVANS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM;  
MURDER: MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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*BETH SHORT*

With regard to the newspaper clipping which appeared in the Times-Herald on January 29, 1947, indicating that Daniel S. Voorhees, with alias Dan Voorhees, had surrendered to the Los Angeles Police Department and had admitted the murder of the victim, Elizabeth Short, who is also known as the "Black Dahlia", the newspaper article indicated that Voorhees had previously been arrested in 1942 in Phoenix, Arizona, for rape.

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 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

1/29/47

This Daniel S. Voorhees  
 appear to be mental case.  
 However, C.W. Evans checking  
 index and ident. for any info re  
 this suspect

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# SUSPECT CONFESSES

# BLACK DAHLIA KILLING

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# Gives Up, Says 'Can't Stand It Any Longer'

## 33-year-old Man Denies Writing Notes

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (AP). Police Capt. Jack Donohoe announced late tonight that a 33-year-old man had walked into police headquarters and said he "wanted to confess" to the sadistic killing of Elizabeth Short, 22, whose nude, bisected body was found in a vacant lot here recently.

The man, dressed in tan work pants, green sport shirt, his copper-curly hair bareheaded, was booked on suspicion of murder. He gave his name as Daniel S. Voorhees.

### "Can't Stand It Any Longer"

"Just a short time ago," said Donohoe, "a man telephoned police headquarters and said 'I can't stand it any longer—I want to confess to the murder of the Black Dahlia'."

That was the way friends of the former Hyde Park, Mass., girl referred to her, because of her penchant for wearing black clothing to match her raven tresses.

"Shortly after we received the telephone call," said Donohoe, "this man walked into the homicide department and said 'I can't stand it any longer—I want to confess to the Black Dahlia's murder.'"

### Has Family in Phoenix

Donohoe said that after the man was booked, giving several downtown hotels as his residence, he was turned over for questioning by Dr. Paul De River, police psychologist.

The psychiatrist said, after a preliminary examination, that he had "come to no definite conclusion."

Detective Ed Barrett, who was among the man's questioners, displayed a sheet of paper on which was written, "I did kill Elizabeth Short," which was signed "Daniel S. Voorhees."

Barrett said Voorhees told him he has a wife and nine-year-old daughter in Phoenix, Ariz., but declined to identify them.

### Must 'Get It Off My Chest'

Barrett quoted Voorhees as saying:

"I am so sick I can't stand it. I simply had to get it off my chest."

He denied having written any of a number of letters and post cards to police, one of which said the slayer would surrender at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

### PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 28 (AP).

The Phoenix police identification bureau said tonight a man who gave his name as Dan Voorhees had been arrested here five times.

The bureau said that Voorhees, arrested in 1942 in connection with a Phoenix assault to commit rape case, gave his age as 25. Records showed no disposition of the case.

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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JAN 28 1947

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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
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Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gandy

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UNSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, VIC., MURDER. MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING.  
FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECD FROM ST LOUIS QUOTE SPECIAL SEARCH CONDUCTED FOR SERVICE RECORD PERTAINING TO [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEARCH ALSO CONDUCTED IN CLINICAL RECORDS ON [REDACTED] UNDER REGISTER NUMBER [REDACTED] WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AGO ADVISES RECORDS PROBABLY LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, DC. RUC UNQUOTE. NO FURTHER ACTION IN NYC.

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

UNSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDER, MISC INFO CONCERNING.

LAPD REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEDICAL CORPS U S ARMY,

FORMERLY ATTACHED TO [REDACTED]

THIS OFFICER SIGNED MEDICAL DISCHARGE ON SUSPECT [REDACTED]

AND LAPD INTERESTED IN COMMUNICATING WITH [REDACTED] RECORDS  
CASE. [REDACTED] DEACTIVATED AND PRESENT

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES URGENT

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RETEL JANUARY TWENTY NINE, LAST, ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDER, MISC  
INFO CONCERNING. LATEST WAR DEPARTMENT ROSTER SHOWS AS OF NOVEMBER  
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Per [REDACTED]

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## DISABILITY CHECKS

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 1-29-47

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM *EAT*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM  
MURDER AT LOS ANGELES

You will recall that as a matter of cooperation with the local authorities in an effort to solve this very vicious murder, we prepared a letter to Social Security asking for employment and other identifying data concerning a suspect. This letter was signed by you for delivery by a liaison representative this morning in an effort to secure an immediate reply.

The headlines on this morning's paper indicated that a suspect at Los Angeles has confessed the killing. Mr. Mumford talked telephonically with SAC Hood who advises that the police are convinced the man is a mental case and that he is not the actual killer. The Liaison Section is accordingly taking the letter you signed on to Social Security this morning in an effort to secure the desired data concerning the suspect.

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*I thought Social Security didn't let us have any. How about it?*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

D. M. LANE

DATE: February 6, 1947

FROM :

H. W. SMITH *HWS*

SUBJECT:

*b7C*

[redacted] of the U. P. called at 12:30 a.m., February 6, 1947, and requested the criminal record, if any, of [redacted] a suspect in the Black Dahlia murder case in California.

After checking with the Identification Division, the writer informed [redacted] that no information could be furnished at this time. The writer suggested that if [redacted] was still interested, he might call later this morning.

ACTION:

Transmit to Records and Communications Division.

HWS: [redacted]

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Mr. Nease	
Miss Beane	
Miss Gandy	

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*b7C*

*Elizabeth H. Smith*



January 31, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDER

Reference is made to your conference wire to the Bureau and New York City of January 23, 1947, regarding the above subject matter.

A search was made in the Identification Division to locate records on one [redacted] who may be identical with the individual mentioned in referenced teletype. Three fingerprint records which contain cards from the Army were located in the criminal files; copies of these records are enclosed, for your information, as possibly one may be identical with the individual in whom you are interested. There were forty-five Army prints under the name of [redacted] in our non-criminal file, consequently it was not possible to determine which of these might be identical with subject [redacted].

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAN 31 / 04 PM '47

Date: January 28, 1947

To: Executive Director  
Social Security Board  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ELIZABETH SHORT

This Bureau has received a request from an official of the Los Angeles Police Department for assistance in the investigation of the case of Elizabeth Short, who was a victim of a ruthless murder on January 14, 1947, at Los Angeles. You will recall that this is the case which has received considerable newspaper publicity and at the present time the Los Angeles Police Department investigation is at a standstill. The only existing lead at this time is a matter of checking her past employment through the records of the Social Security Board. It is, therefore, requested that this Bureau be supplied with information from the Social Security records concerning Elizabeth Short. Her Social Security Number is listed as 0-22-18-4750. Of particular interest is information concerning her employment record. Miss Short is described as white, age, approximately 22; height, 5 feet 6 inches; hair, light brown, dyed black; eyes, green. Information contained in your records will be of invaluable assistance in the handling of this matter. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

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to Deputy Comm. W. L. Mitchell  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: January 30, 1947

TO : D. M. Ladd

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
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 Mr. Glavin ✓  
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
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 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

The original of the attached letter to the Executive Director, Social Security Board, which requests the Social Security Board to supply the Bureau with information from the Social Security records relative to Elizabeth Short, was delivered to [redacted] of the Liaison to Deputy Commissioner W. L. Mitchell by [redacted] Section. She was requested to advise Mr. Mitchell, who was home ill, of instant request as soon as he returned to work Thursday, January 30, 1947, and also to advise the Bureau as soon as possible, positively or negatively.

It is noted the attached letter is addressed to the Executive Director of the Social Security Board. It was ascertained that the administrative setup at the Social Security Board has recently undergone a change. It is now headed by Commissioner Arthur J. Altmeyer, Room 5238, Social Security Building, Washington, D. C. (Mr. Altmeyer is presently at the United Nations Conference and will probably be there until February 8, 1947).

W. L. Mitchell is the Deputy Commissioner and [redacted] is the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner, both have offices in the Social Security Building.

ACTION

None.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, INFO CONCERNING, POLICE COOPERATION. ELIZABETH  
SHORT VICTIM OF RUTHLESS MURDER JAN. FOURTEEN LAST AT L.A.  
POLICE INVESTIGATION AT STANDSTILL. LAPD  
HOMICIDE SQUAD, REQUESTED THIS OFFICE ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN PRIOR  
EMPLOYMENT RECORD OF SHORT THROUGH OF SOCIAL SECURITY. VICTIM  
DESCRIBED WHITE, FEMALE, TWENTYTWO, FIVE FT. SIX, ONE EIGHTEEN  
LBS., HAIR LIGHT BROWN, DIED BLACK, GREEN EYES, BAD TEETH,  
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FBI EL PASO

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC BOSTON AND LOS ANGELES URGENT

RE EL PASO TELETYPE TO BOSTON TWELFTH INSTANT  
ADVISING SUBJECT IN CUSTODY

CAR STOLEN

BOSTON INTERVIEW SUBJECT RELATIVE TO HIS EXACT WHEREABOUTS ON THE WEST  
COAST AT TIME OF SLAYING. LOS ANGELES FURNISH BOSTON WITH DETAILS AND  
DETAILS OF SLAYING. THIS OFFICE WILL ENDEAVOR INTERVIEW  
TODAY.

SURAN

ACK IN ORDER PLEASE

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BS OK FBI BS

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles (13) California  
February 15, 1947



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 62-2928

Director, FBI

RE: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attention: FBI LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

On the early morning of January 15, 1947 the mutilated body of ELIZABETH SHORT was found in a vacant lot in a residential section of Los Angeles. She was last seen alive, according to information thus far available to the Police, the night of January 9, 1947 when she was dropped off in the lobby of the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles by a male friend. The body was cut into around the waist with a very sharp instrument and the cut was very cleanly done--none of the internal organs being touched except to sever the intestines. The cut through the backbone was very cleanly done.

There is some speculation that the murderer had had some training in dissection of bodies.

I am enclosing [redacted] which were found on the body and as a cooperative measure with the Los Angeles Police Department I am requesting the Technical Laboratory to make an examination of these [redacted]. It would be of considerable assistance to have [redacted] described as to size, quality and type; particularly, as to whether they are [redacted] or some other composition. If the Laboratory has any information as to the types [redacted] are used it would be of assistance. It is felt that the murder was committed indoors, where water, drainage facilities and perhaps medical equipment was available. The possibility has even been advanced that some medical student residing in an undertaking establishment, which is done in this area, might have committed the offense. Any possible leads that the Laboratory can suggest would be appreciated. [redacted] should be returned when they have served their purpose. If it is necessary to destroy them in the examination, there is no objection to such action. The Bureau is requested to teletype its report on [redacted].

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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD

*W. J. ...*  
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31 FEB 1947



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON  
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C

DATE: Jan. 18, 1947

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Miss Gandy	

In connection with the call from [REDACTED] this morning advising that the fingerprints of an unidentified woman were being forwarded to the Bureau by the Los Angeles Examiner via International News Pictures, I wish to advise that Mr. Quinn Tamm has just informed me that the prints had been identified by a search through the Ident files.

We have two prints. The print actually used in the identification was a criminal print submitted by the Santa Barbara Police Department showing the girl's name as Elizabeth Short; arrested September 23, 1943, on a charge of 700K, Juvenile Court laws; disposition, released to the Probation Department; born 7-29-24; Hyde Park, Massachusetts; residence, 231 G. S. Montecito Street; height 5' 7"; weight 139 lbs; complexion fair; hair black; eyes, hazel green; mole on face.

With the aid of this print we identified a national defense print that was submitted by the Services of Supply from Camp Cooke, California. The girl's name was given as Elizabeth Short. She was an applicant for position of clerk at the Post Exchange. The prints were taken on January 30, 1943. Date and place of birth are the same as indicated above; height 5' 8"; weight 131 lbs.; hair brown; eyes green; build, medium; scar on back; complexion fair.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. a [REDACTED] local correspondent for the Los Angeles Times, called Quinn Tamm and was referred to Mr. Jones in my absence. [REDACTED] referred to the unidentified girl and furnished her fingerprint classification and asked if we could identify her. They, of course, did not have the name.

I think we owe a responsibility to the Los Angeles Examiner since they apparently sent in the prints at considerable cost for the Police Department.

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] said that the Los Angeles Examiner was sending the prints for the Police Department, I called him at 2:50 p.m. and furnished him the details on the identification.

Good & advised + with inform [REDACTED] b7C

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want more calls  
back - identified  
+ repd to police.  
give name.  
if no obs by 7 pm

Called 6:10 PM  
+ given info

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# GIRL

# IDENTIFIED

ENCLOSURE

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# Victim From Santa Barbara According to Records of F.B.I.

## New Torture Disclosed by Autopsy

Fingerprints tentatively identified the attractive victim of a brutal sex-fiend murder found Wednesday in a vacant lot near Norton Ave. and 39th St. as Elizabeth Short, 22, of Santa Barbara, the Federal Bureau of Investigation informed The Times yesterday.

The identification, gleaned from the vast fingerprint files of the government agency, was made after scores of persons telephoned and visited the homicide detail in City Hall claiming the girl to be a relative or friend.

### Cause of Death Given

One youth was questioned at the City Jail as a possible suspect in the sadistic slaying, while in the Coroner's office autopsy physicians announced that Miss Short died of hemorrhage and shock. The young woman's mouth was slit with a knife three inches on each side while she was still alive, the doctors said.

This plus a concussion of the brain induced by blows on the head caused her death, they stated. Other mutilation of the body, which was found cut in half and otherwise desecrated, occurred after death, in their opinion.

The F.B.I. files disclosed the victim's identity after The Times wired classification of her fingerprints to Washington. No definite address was available. Santa Barbara, according to the bureau, was Miss Short's last known residence. She may have lived elsewhere just prior to her slaying.

*L. A. Times 1-17-34*

# Fiend Slaying Victim's Life Story Under Check

## Santa Barbara Arrest Learned From F.B.I.

### Girl Once Arrested

Santa Barbara police revealed that Miss Short was arrested there in the latter part of September, 1943, when she was seen drinking with a number of soldiers in the El Paseo Restaurant. A minor, she claimed one of the soldiers was her husband. Police disproved this.

Further investigation at that time disclosed that the girl was living with one Vera Green in a West Cabrillo Beach court at 321-C W. Montecito St.

Policewoman Mary Unkefer and other officers who visited the place reported that they found two soldiers there, one of them in the bedroom. Miss Green stated that he was her husband, but subsequently it was learned that her soldier husband was overseas.

The Santa Barbara authorities placed Miss Short on a train by order of juvenile officials, to be returned to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Short of Medford, Mass. Since then she has not been seen in the Mission City.

At the time she was photographed in the Santa Barbara police station, Miss Short had small, brown, molelike freckles on her left arm and two faint, small, brown moles on her right cheek. This tallies in some degree with the results of an examination of the murder victim.



**FIEND'S VICTIM**—Elizabeth Short of Santa Barbara, identified as the fiend's victim whose mutilated body was found in a vacant lot near Norton Ave. and 39th St. here.

*L. A. Times 1-17-47*

**Movements Traced**  
Capt. Jack A. Donohoe, given the identification by The Times, launched an immediate investigation to trace the movements of the girl before she fell prey to the perverted sadism of a person who apparently tortured her before she died.

Drs. Frederick D. Newbar and Victor Cefalu, deputy autopsy surgeons, reported finding three deep abrasions on the forehead just over the right eye. They indicated Miss Short had been severely slapped by a blunt instrument, which may have caused concussion. Her skull was not fractured.

When the young woman's body was found some small pieces of flesh were missing. These were found by the autopsy surgeons.

#### **Tied for Torture**

Marks around the girl's legs, wrists, neck and right thigh showed she had been tied with rope or wire prior to death. Det. Lts. Harry Hansen and F. A. Brown said they believed she had been bound and tortured before her murderer carried her body to the Norton Ave. "loose" for disposal.

So shocked by the details of the butcher-murder were city officials that a \$10,000 reward was planned for the capture of the slayer. City Councilman Lloyd G. Davis said he will ask the posting of the reward at the earliest opportunity.

#### **Resemblance Doubted**

Policewoman Myrl McBride, who said the victim looked like a girl she talked with on Main St. last Tuesday night, last night was more dubious about the resemblance after seeing Elizabeth Short's photograph.

The policewoman said the girl came to her in a bus station,

saying "Someone wants to kill me," then told of a former serviceman-suitors' meeting her in a bar and repeating a threat on her life should he find her with another man. Policewoman McBride said she later saw the girl re-enter the bar and emerge with two men and another woman. She had told the policewoman she was to meet her parents at the bus station later, Miss McBride said.

The entire homicide detail joined in the widening search for the killer as telephones in the squad room jangled incessantly with the tips of citizens who read of the murder.

#### **Depot Visitor Questioned**

Picked up by officers early yesterday at the bus depot at Sixth and Los Angeles Sts., Cecil French, 23, of Bakersfield, was booked on suspicion of a morals offense and questioned concerning possible implication in Miss Short's murder.

French, said the officers, was seen molesting women in the vicinity of the depot. His automobile, parked near by, was missing a back seat. French told Hansen and Brown that he had removed the seat to carry some machinery. He was not considered a "hot" suspect.

#### **Cars Seen Near Scene**

Another witness, Bob Myer, also reported seeing a Ford sedan pause near where the body was found, and continue. He placed the time at 6:30 a.m.

Other witnesses, however, said they walked past the lot as late as 8:30 a.m. Wednesday without seeing the body, found only 12 feet from the sidewalk.

*L.A. Times 12-11-34*

# Sex Fiend Slaying Victim Identified by Fingerprint Records of F.B.I.

## 'Times' Learns Girl Wrote Mother She Worked in San Diego Hospital

Fingerprints identified the attractive victim of a brutal sex-fiend murder found Wednesday in a vacant lot near Norton Ave. and 39th St. as Elizabeth Short, 22, last known address Santa Barbara, the Federal Bureau of Investigation informed The Times yesterday.

The F.B.I. identification was made in Washington, being gleaned from the vast fingerprint files of the government agency. It was made as scores of persons telephoned and visited the homicide detail in City Hall, claiming the girl to be a relative or friend.

### Reported in San Diego

In a telephone call to Boston, The Times learned last night that Elizabeth Short wrote her mother, Mrs. Phoebe Short of Medford, N. J., a suburb of New York City, that she was working in a San Diego hospital.

From San Diego, it was reported that the girl had been living in Pacific Beach, with another girl, whom San Diego detectives were seeking to question last night about Elizabeth Short's acquaintances. Mrs. Short also reported that her daughter wrote of having worked at Camp Cooke as a waitress.

### Youth Questioned

One youth was questioned at the City Jail as a possible suspect in the sadistic slaying, while in the coroner's office autopsy physicians announced that Miss Short died of hemorrhage and shock. The young woman's mouth was slit with a knife three inches on each side while she was still alive, the doctors said.

This plus a concussion of the brain induced by blows on the head caused her death, they stated. Other mutilation of the body, which was found cut in half and otherwise desecrated, occurred after death, in their opinion.

### Hollywood Visits Told

From two police sources last night came word that Elizabeth Short had lived in Hollywood in October.

Two young men and two young women visited the homicide squad office to report they recognized the victim as "Betty" Short, with whom they occasionally had visited a Hollywood night club about three months ago. The girl, whom they described as very classy, told the young people that she was engaged to an Army flyer from Texas, named "George," and that she "could marry him any time and probably would," according to their story to police.

Police also reported that Harold F. Costa, 31, and Donald Leyes, 22, of 1161 N. Orange Drive, last night identified the victim as Elizabeth (Beth) Short who lived for two months at the same hotel at which they resided and "went around" with two girl friends they named as Margie Graham and Lynn Martin.

The F.B.I. files disclosed the victim's identity after The Times wired classification of her fingerprints to Washington. No definite address was available. Santa Barbara, according to the bureau, was Miss Short's last known residence. She may have lived elsewhere just prior to her slaying.

### Girl Tested

Santa Barbara police revealed that Miss Short was arrested there in the latter part of September, 1943, when she was seen drinking with a number of soldiers in the El Paseo Restaurant. Then a minor, she claimed one of the soldiers was her husband. Police disproved this.

Further investigation at that time disclosed that the girl was living with one Vera Green in a West Cabrillo Beach court at 321-C W. Montecito St.

Policewoman Mary Unkefer and other officers who visited the place reported that they found two soldiers there, one of them in the bedroom. Miss Green stated that he was her husband, but subsequently it was learned that her soldier-husband was overseas.

The Santa Barbara authorities placed Miss Short on a train by order of juvenile officials, to be returned to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Short of Medford, Mass. Since then she has not been seen in the Mission City.

At the time she was photographed in the Santa Barbara police station, Miss Short had small, brown, molelike freckles on her left arm and two faint, small, brown moles on her right cheek. This tallies in some degree with the results of an examination of the murder victim.

### Movements Traced

Capt. Jack J. Donohoe, given the identification by The Times, launched an immediate investigation to trace the movements of the girl before she fell prey to the perverted sadism of a person who apparently tortured her before she died.

Drs. Frederick D. Newbar and Victor Cefalu, deputy autopsy

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surgeons, reported finding three deep abrasions on the forehead just over the right eye. They indicated Miss Short had been severely slugged by a blunt instrument, which may have caused concussion. Her skull was not fractured.

When the young woman's body was found some small pieces of flesh were missing. These were found by the autopsy surgeons.

#### Tied for Torture

Marks around the girl's legs, wrists, neck and right thigh showed she had been tied with rope or wire prior to death. Det. Lts. Harry Hansen and F. A. Brown said they believed she had been bound and tortured before her murderer carried her body to the Norton Ave. "lovers' lane" for disposal.

So shocked by the details of the butcher-murder were city officials that a \$10,000 reward was planned for the capture of the slayer. City Councilman Lloyd G. Davis said he will ask the posting of the reward at the earliest opportunity.

#### Resemblance Doubted

Policewoman Myrl McBride, who said the victim looked like a girl she talked with on Main St. last Tuesday night, last night was more dubious about the resemblance after seeing Elizabeth Short's photograph.

The policewoman said the girl came to her in a bus station, saying "Someone wants to kill me," then told of a former serviceman-suitors' meeting her in a bar and repeating a threat on her life should he find her with another man. Policewoman McBride said she later saw the girl re-enter the bar and emerge with two men and another woman. She had told the policewoman she was to meet her parents at the bus station later, Miss McBride said.

The entire homicide detail joined in the widening search for the killer as telephones in the squad room jangled incessantly with the tips of citizens who read of the murder.

#### Depot Visitor Questioned

Picked up by officers early yesterday at the bus depot at Sixth and Los Angeles Sts., Cecil French, 23, of Bakersfield, was booked on suspicion of a morals offense and questioned concerning possible implication in Miss Short's murder.

French, said the officers, was seen molesting women in the vicinity of the depot. His automobile, parked near by, was missing a back seat. French told Hansen and Brown that he had removed the seat to carry some machinery. He was not considered a "hot" suspect.

One caller said he had seen a car drive slowly along Norton Ave. at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, pause to turn into an alley, then continue slowly away. The caller did not give his name.

#### Cars Seen Near Scene

Another witness, Bob Myer, also reported seeing a Ford sedan pause near where the body was found, and continue. He placed the time at 6:30 a.m.

Other witnesses, however, said they walked past the lotus late at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday without seeing the body, found only 12 feet from the sidewalk.

An automobile registered to Wilford A. Dougherty, 4212 E. Slauson Ave., abandoned in a service station at 950 W. Manchester Ave., was thought to be a lead yesterday. Strands of grass hung from the mud-splattered door. Flecks of blood dotted the upholstery. Three newspapers, all dealing with the crime, lay on the seat.

Det. Lt. Stewart Jones dismissed Dougherty as a suspect, however, when it was learned that he had left the car in the service station early yesterday morning on his way home from a party.

# Soundphoto Assists Probe of Mystery

*Victim Named as Elizabeth Short;  
Crews Hunted at Santa Barbara*

Through fingerprints rushed to the FBI in Washington by the Los Angeles Examiner, the girl victim of a mutilation murder whose body was found here Wednesday was identified yesterday.

She is Elizabeth Short, 22 years old, at one time employed as a civilian clerk at Camp Cooke, 20 miles north of Lompoc.

FBI records listed the home address as Santa Barbara and that she was born July 29, 1924, in Hyde Park, Mass.

The records also showed she had been arrested as a juvenile delinquent at Santa Barbara September 23, 1943, and released.

Her description in the FBI file tallied with that of the slain girl and her fingerprints clinched the identification.

## Soundphotos Aid Identification

No trace of the girl after she left Camp Cooke was found in the records.

The identification was brought about by the cooperative effort of the Examiner, International News Sound photos and the FBI.

The Examiner obtained fingerprints of the slain girl and sent them by soundphoto to this newspaper's bureau in Washington, D. C. Ray Richards, manager of the bureau and a former Examiner reporter, took the prints to the FBI offices.

The FBI quickly checked through its massive fingerprint records and established that the prints were those of the Short girl.

## Reporters Trace Victim's Movements

She was described in the FBI files as 5 feet 6 inches tall, 121 pounds in weight, with brown hair and green eyes, medium build and fair complexion.

Examiner reporters were immediately sent to Santa Barbara and Camp Cooke to trace back on the girl's movements and to trace her to this city.

The identification by the Examiner came as the first big break in the investigation of the crime which shook the city.

The girl's body, severed at the waist, was found Wednesday morning in a vacant lot on Norton avenue between 39th street and Coliseum avenue. She had been dead about 10 hours at the time she was found. The slayer had killed her else-

where and then placed the body in plain view. It was only a few feet from the sidewalk.

Efforts to solve the crime had been blocked all Wednesday night by lack of identification of the body and police were practically at a standstill in the case until the Examiner learned the victim's identity.

One suspect—Cecil French of Bakersfield—was in custody.

### CAR CLEW—

Arrested after he had been accused of molesting women at the bus depot, he revealed he owned a car which later proved it might be a connecting link to the Short slaying.

The back seat was removed. On other ~~apartment~~ there was

stains which police chemists were analyzing.

A car had been seen at the Norton avenue site about the time Miss Short's mutilated body was deposited there. This car and French's police said, were similar in description.

### SISTER LOCATED—

After contact had been made with Mrs. Short in Massachusetts, the investigation swung to Berkeley. There a sister of the slain girl, Mrs. A. C. West, lives at 2614 Warring street.

It was possible, investigators believed, Mrs. West would know something about Elizabeth's movements.

Late last night, the clerk of the North Orange drive home told how Miss Short, who had lived ~~there~~ with two other girls often "ran behind in her rent."

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"A ~~man~~ short, dark and about 35—would come to the desk and pay her ~~the~~ the clerk said.

"This man owned a fairly old model black Ford sedan. When the three girls left, they drove off in this sedan."

Reporters learned at Santa Barbara that at the time Miss Short was taken into custody there three years ago, she was befriended by the arresting policewoman, Mary H. Unefer.

"She had the blackest hair I ever saw," Miss Unefer recalled yesterday.

At the time of her death, the girl's hair was hennaed, but the original dark strands were beginning to regrow.

### LIVING IN COURT—

"She was living in a court with a Vera Green," Miss Unefer also said. "There were four soldiers from Camp Cooke in their cottage when they were arrested. Miss Green said one

of them was her husband, but we later learned her husband was a soldier overseas."

The cottage was at 321-C West Montecito street, in Santa Barbara. This was the address given by the FBI.

"While she was awaiting action on the probation investigation, I took her into my home," the policewoman continued. "She was with me several days. I noticed she was a very nice girl and was most neat about her person and clothes."

"The juvenile court released her on probation finally and I took her to a bus on which she started to Massachusetts. The Santa Barbara Neighborhood House gave her \$10 for expense money."

### REACHED HOME—

Miss Unefer said she was "positive" Miss Short reached her home in Medford because several letters came to her from the girl there.

This was another fact confirmed by the mother.

The policewoman revealed that the Short girl had a rose tattooed on her left leg.

"She loved to sit so that it would show," Miss Unefer recalled.

The slayer mutilated this identifying blemish.

The girl apparently went to work at Camp Cooke—in the commissary—on her return to California. The camp is about four miles north of Lompoc.

Meantime Dr. Newbarr officially reported the cause of death as hemorrhage and shock

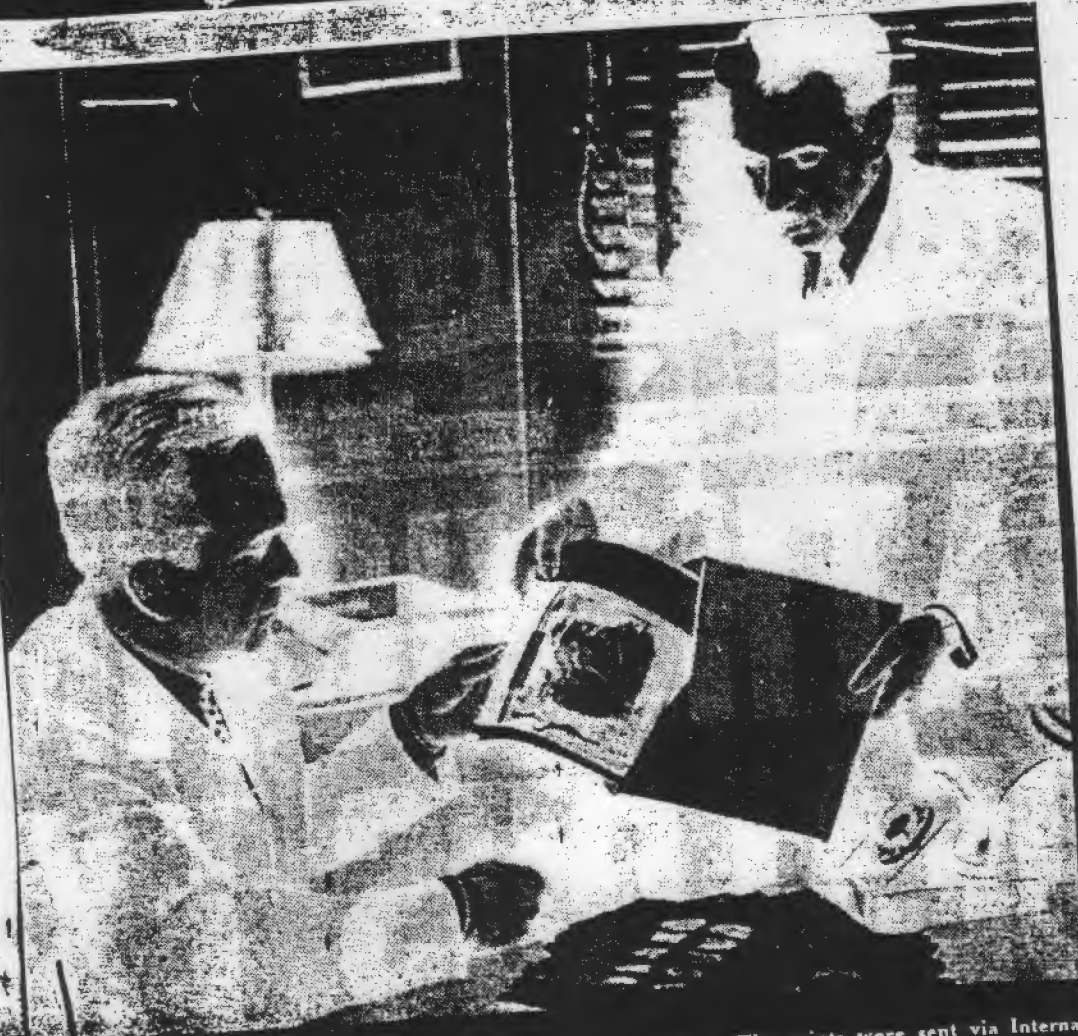


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**VICTIM IDENTIFIED**—This is Elizabeth 22, whose mutilated body was found on a Los Angeles v Wednesday morning. She was identified through fir rushed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Wash this newspaper.

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**FBI AIDES**—Quinn Tamm (seated), inspector in charge of FBI identification in Washington, D. C., examines a set of fingerprints held by Jerome Butler, of Hearst newspapers Wash-

ington staff. The prints were sent via International News Soundphoto and the Los Angeles Examiner to identify the Los Angeles slaying victim as Elizabeth Short.

—International News soundphoto

## POLICE AIDED BY SOUNDPHOTO

By Ray Richards

Los Angeles Examiner Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—

Identification of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short as the Los Angeles victim of one of the most brutal murders in crime annals was a cross-country feat of enterprise and scientific coordination today.

Participating were the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Los Angeles Examiner, the Washington Bureau of the Hearst newspapers, International News photos and Detective Sergeants Harry Hansen and E. A. Brown of Los Angeles.

Successful, almost instantaneous transmission by wire across the continent of the delicate whorls, loops and "tents" of the dead girl's fingerprints is believed to have expanded the boundaries of crime detection.

### PRAISE GIVEN

Praising the Examiner's enterprise and the clarity of the INP Soundphotos, the FBI said it considered the identification "an outstanding accomplishment."

The Examiner dispatched the prints to Washington by the INP which sends images by sound impulse through leased telephone wires in the most up-to-the-minute development of picture transmission.

Facilities for a check of the Soundphotoed images among the 104,000,000 separate fingerprints in the vast FBI files in Washington had been arranged by the Hearst Washington Bureau with FBI officials.

Within an hour after the bureau had delivered the prints to the FBI, the identification had been made.

### IMPERFECT

Given perfect fingerprints, it would have taken the FBI only a few minutes to locate those of the girl among the 104,000,000, so perfectly organized is the agency's file system.

But the dead fingers had not provided good prints.

The FBI undertook the task of "building up" the blank spots and other defects in the prints by a system which represents the final advance in identification methods.

With defective prints, as in the case of the Los Angeles murder victim, much of the search had to be conducted by hand, among filing cabinets crowding a four-story National Guard armory four times the expanse of a regulation football field.

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# HUNT DEFINITE SUSPECT IN L. A. HORROR MURDER



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# Identify victim as Hollywood resident

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A definite suspect has been established in the brutal murder of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, whose mutilated body was found dumped in a vacant lot in southwestern Los Angeles Wednesday morning.

Identification of the girl was made last night by police from copies of her fingerprints on file with the FBI in Washington.

Elizabeth was a Massachusetts girl who recently lived at a hotel at 1611 N. Orange Dr. in Hollywood.

In 1943 she was a civilian employee at a post-exchange at Camp Cooke, near Pomona, and more recently worked at the hotel here.

Investigators, who said they were withholding the name of the suspect for the present, declared that he might be the man of whom Elizabeth told friends she was "deadly afraid."

That Elizabeth lived in fear of a suitor was substantiated in San Diego by Mrs. Vera French and her daughter, Dorothy.

The Frenchs, who live at 2750 Camino Tadaro, Pacific Beach, said Elizabeth lived with them from last Dec. 12 until Jan. 8, when she hurriedly left for Hollywood.

Mrs. French told officers that Elizabeth, whom she had met in San Diego, was very popular with men and had many dates. The girl, she said, often spoke, however, about a boy friend from whom she was always hiding because of an unexplained fear.

Harold Frank Costa, 31, and Donald Leyer, 22, who lived in the same Hollywood hotel last October as Elizabeth, described her as being a very attractive girl who liked to see and be seen in Hollywood nightspots.

Two other persons who reported to police they knew Elizabeth when she lived in Hollywood were Marvin Margolis, 27, and William Robinson, 25.

The two men said they had often been in places Elizabeth frequented. The last time they saw her, they said, was the latter part of November.

On the night before the body was found, a Los Angeles policewoman said, a girl answering the description of the pretty, dark-haired victim asked for protection against a man who "had threatened to kill me."

The policewoman, Myrtle McBride, told homicide investigators late last night that the girl had

approached her at the Sixth and Main Sts. bus terminal, sobbing with terror.

The policewoman said the girl told her she had just run into a former boyfriend, who once had threatened to "kill her if he ever found her with another man." She had left him that day.

Mrs. McBride, who at first believed the girl who appealed for aid was Elizabeth, was not as certain after viewing photos of the slain girl.

Mrs. Phoebe M. Short of Medford, Mass., mother of the slain girl, said last night she had received a letter from her daughter from San Diego about two weeks ago.

"As far as I know she was working in a naval hospital there," said Mrs. Short.

"I just can't believe my daughter is dead."

Identification was made from fingerprints which the FBI had on record from Sept. 1943, when the girl was arrested in Santa Barbara.

She had been a clerk at the Camp Cooke post exchange near Santa Barbara and was picked up for drinking with soldiers in a cafe there.

Policewoman Mary Unkefer of the Santa Barbara police department took the girl to her own home to live with her for nine days.

"She was very good looking," said Miss Unkefer, "with beautiful dark hair and fair skin. She dressed nicely and was a long way from being a barfly."

Miss Unkefer said the girl had a rose tattooed on her left leg. "She loved to sit so that it would show," the policewoman recalled. The killer gouged the identifying mark from the body.

"We put her on the train for her home, and several times later she wrote to me from there," Miss Unkefer recalled. One of her letters said:

"I'll never forget you—thank God you picked me up when you did!"

FBI records described the girl as 5 foot 6, 121 pounds, brown hair, green eyes, medium build and with moles on the back of her neck.

The description tallies almost exactly with that given by the coroner's office here of the body found Wednesday morning on Norton Ave. between 39th St. and Coliseum St.

Yesterday an autopsy showed the girl had been tortured with sharp metal weapons before she died, then trussed up and butchered.

Dr. Frederick D. Newbarr, chief autopsy surgeon, listed the cause of death as hemorrhage from face and head wounds after examining the body of the victim for three hours.

He ruled out the possibility that the pretty young girl had been strangled.

Rope burns about the wrists and ankles indicated, however, that the girl had been strung up for torture and post mortem mutilation, the surgeon said.

Other grotesque findings of the autopsy gave evidence of the fiendish mind of the slayer toward whose identity and capture the full force of the Los Angeles homicide squad was turned.

To spur apprehension of the criminal, city officials today to post a \$10,000 reward. Councilman Lloyd G. Davies said he would propose the reward before the City Council today.

Automobiles gave detectives their only early clues to the killer.

One car which detectives believed might have been used by the slayer was a 1940 green Hudson convertible which was found abandoned on a gas station lot at 951 Manchester Ave.

The car had bloodstains on the door, and inside were copies of three newspapers with detailed accounts of the slaying.

The registered owner of the vehicle told police the car was stolen from him, but he had failed to make a report.

He was called to headquarters for further questioning.

# Gristly L. A. murder similar to sex slaying of seven San Diego women

Southern California police officers last night noted the striking similarity between the mad butcher murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, whose body was found here Wednesday, and other unsolved San Diego sex crimes.

Officers in the border city immediately feared that San Diego's sadistic woman killer, already believed responsible for at least seven unsolved murders, was on the prowl again.

For 15 years, police and psychologists have agreed that the killer was a sexual sadist whose crimes increased in brutality.

By studying the records of unsolved cases, they conjectured that Miss Short, who worked and lived in San Diego, could well be the mad killer's latest victim—in the most brutal crime of them all.

The string of unsolved crimes began in Feb., 1931, when Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old schoolgirl, was found in a trunk, raped and murdered. Her body, trussed in a gunnysack, was found months later.

On April 25 of the same year, the body of Dolly Bibbens, attractive, well-to-do widow, was found in her apartment. She had been viciously beaten after first being raped.

Two weeks later, Hazel Bradshaw, beautiful 22-year-old telephone operator, was found mur-

dered in the Indian Village, Balboa Park. She had been stabbed 17 times.

While still investigating these three murders, police were called to the apartment of Maud Detwiler, attractive divorcee. She, too, had been raped and sadistically slain.

There was a three year lull before the sex fiend struck again. Then, on the morning of March 4, 1934, police found Mrs. Wesley Adams dead, the victim of a killer following a similar pattern to the first three crimes.

A month later, San Diego was shocked by one of the most baffling of all sex crime cases. Hanging from a tree on Black Mountain was the nude body of pretty Louise Teuber, 17-year-old clerk.

A rope around her neck was tied to the limbs of two trees, but an autopsy indicated she had been raped and murdered elsewhere, before being tied to the trees.

Before the summer ended, the sadist struck again.

Celia Cota, 16-year-old high school beauty, was murdered just

before she entered her home after attending a movie.

She had been raped several times, tortured and strangled.

So incensed was San Diego that the entire police administration was replaced, but still no clues to the mad slayer were found.

Next, and perhaps most spectacular in the series, was the brutal murder of Miss Ruth Muir, Riverside YWCA secretary, and daughter of a prominent Phoenix banker.

Visiting her vacationing parents in La Jolla, Miss Muir walked along the moon-lit shore of San Jolla on the night of Sept. 2, 1935.

She had paused behind a lover's bench, near the Casa Manana Hotel, when the killer struck her.

Police said they had never known a murder in which the victim's head was so hysterically beaten. She, too, had been raped and slashed.

But the most vicious killing of all—and perhaps No. 8 in the series—was the murder of Miss Short, whose mutilated and dissected body was discovered here Wednesday.



# EXAMINER IDENTIFIES

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**SLAYING**

**VICTIM**

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## Beth Broke and Hungry During Stay in Hollywood

Jobs were few and money was scarce for Elizabeth Short during her residence at a Hollywood hotel last year, two youths and the hotel's clerk told police last night.

Harold Costa, 31, and Donald Leyes, 22—both residents of the hotel at 1811 North Orange drive—said they had been boy friends of Elizabeth's two roommates, Margery Graham and Lynn Martin.

"Whenever we took the girls out to dinner, they always asked us if they might bring Beth along," Costa recalled. "They said the kid was broke and hungry."

Leyes added that the three girls occasionally worked as waitresses.

"Miss Short was always getting behind in her rent," James McGrath, clerk at the hotel, remembered. "Whenever she did, a short, dark man—about 35 or 40—came in and paid her bill. He used to drive a black Ford sedan and park it in front."

McGrath said the victim of the fiendish torture slaying last Tuesday had been a chronic

bronchitis sufferer and once underwent a chest operation.

"When Beth and the other two girls checked out of the hotel last October," the clerk added, "they piled their baggage in the short, dark man's car and drove off."

Costa and Leyes remembered a date they had had with the three girls when Elizabeth asked to be excused because "her hair needed another henna rinse."

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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☒ Mr. Clegg ☒ Miss Gandy  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: January 17, 1947

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF ELIZABETH SHORT

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At 6:10 p.m. yesterday I received a call from [redacted] of the Los Angeles Times. He stated he was inquiring regarding our identification of the murdered girl found in Los Angeles day before yesterday, that the Los Angeles Examiner had sent her prints to Washington via wirephoto and that the Bureau had identified the girl and informed the Examiner and the Los Angeles police. I told him this was correct, that we had made the identification, that since it involved a local case any further comment would have to come from the Chief of Police. He asked for the girl's name and I told him. He was very appreciative.

At 7:00 p.m. [redacted] of INS called. He asked if we could give them a statement at 9 o'clock, as he would be smack in the middle since they had received a previous inquiry from the Herald Express the day paper, and he had deliberately declined to answer this inquiry, and it would be very embarrassing unless they carried something on their wire. Of course, at 9 o'clock the Examiner was on the street.

At 8:40 p.m. I received a call from the Associated Press stating that their Los Angeles Bureau was making inquiry regarding the case, that the Los Angeles Examiner had the full details, the Times had a story. I also ascertained that United Press had a similar inquiry. Accordingly, at 8:50 p.m. I issued the following statement to INS, which was given to the AP at 8:55 and to UP at 9:05. All were appreciative.

"J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, announced that fingerprints sent to the FBI by wire photo of an unidentified murdered girl whose body was located by local authorities in Los Angeles were identified when searched through the fingerprint files of the FBI, containing some 104 million sets of fingerprints."

"The fingerprints, taken by Los Angeles Police, were submitted to Washington by the Los Angeles Examiner today over the facilities of the International News Photos. Upon receipt in Washington they were delivered to the FBI Identification Division by a representative of the Los Angeles Examiner."

"Only 8 fingerprints appeared for fingerprint experts to search them through the files and 3 others were badly blurred, yet it was possible for fingerprint experts to identify them through the files and 3 others were previously on file bearing the name of Elizabeth Short."

"One of the fingerprint cards was submitted by [redacted] at Camp Cooke, California, on January 30, 1943, indicating that

Miss Short was an applicant for a position as a clerk in the Post Exchange. The other set of fingerprints was submitted by the Santa Barbara, California, Police Department reflecting the girl's arrest on September 22, 1943, on charges of violating Juvenile Court laws after which she was released to the Probation Department. Her residence at that time was recorded as 431 E. C. Montecito Street.

"Both cards reflected her date of birth as July 25, 1924, at Hyde Park, Massachusetts."

"All details on the identification were promptly communicated to the Los Angeles police authorities."

I also furnished copies of the girl's picture pursuant to requests from some news photos and the AP Photo Service.

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[redacted] of the Los Angeles Examiner was wondering if the Director today could give them a brief quote along the lines that the action of the Examiner in forwarding the fingerprints by wire photo was an excellent illustration of public service. I told [redacted] we would think about this. I see no objection to this. [redacted] wanted a letter, although I do not think the Director should write a letter. The Examiner should be thanking us. However, I would suggest the Director give out the following statement:

"The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murdered victim is an excellent illustration of the cooperation of the press with law enforcement, and it is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744

3-19 1947

TO: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edward Tamm  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Glavin  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ladd  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nichols  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Rosen  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tracy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Harbo  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hendon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Jones  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nease  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files Section  
✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Records Section

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See Me For Appropriate Action

Send File Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: January 21, 1947

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF ELIZABETH SHORT

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

To recount the happenings on Thursday, January 16, involving the identification of Elizabeth Short and the possible interest of [redacted] of the Los Angeles Times, I wish to advise as follows:

Shortly after 10 a.m. on the morning of January 16, [redacted] of the local Hearst bureau, which represents the Los Angeles Examiner, called and related the murder and stated that in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police the Los Angeles Examiner was sending the fingerprints of the girl to Washington via International News Photos wire service. They were sending them at considerable cost and as soon as they arrived [redacted] asked if we could check them. I made the arrangements with Mr. Quinn Tamm in Ident.

The pictures arrived at approximately 11 o'clock. Quinn Tamm called me on the phone and stated that he doubted they would be able to identify the prints since two of the fingerprint impressions were missing entirely and three others were badly blurred. They would start making reference searches but that it would be better if they had better impressions. Accordingly, I called [redacted] back and told him that we were having difficulty and it would be much better if he could have a full set of the fingerprints transmitted and if the transmission could be clear. This request was made in Ident. [redacted] of the Los Angeles Times called Quinn Tamm and in my absence was referred to Mr. Jones. [redacted] referred to the unidentified girl and stated that she had a wire from her paper furnishing the fingerprint classification. Mr. Jones told [redacted] that it would be extremely difficult to identify a set of fingerprints with only the fingerprint classification and of course with no name. However, Mr. Jones stated he would check on the matter. Mr. Jones checked with Quinn Tamm, who informed him of the search that was then underway and referred Mr. Jones to me. I told Mr. Jones to [redacted] nothing and to sit tight.

The identification was made in the afternoon of the afternoon and the full details were furnished to [redacted] of the Los Angeles Examiner. Obviously, from a newspaper standpoint the Examiner by its enterprise and initiative had a clear story on this matter and of course was entitled to such protection. At that time we decided that we would not give the information to anybody, that if the [redacted] called back we would of course refer them to the Los Angeles Police but furnish the name of the girl. It was also decided if they did not call by 7 o'clock that we would call them.

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

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At 5:40 [redacted] called Mr. Jones' office and Mr. Jones absence talked to Supervisor [redacted] and also gave [redacted] the fingerprint classification. [redacted] stated he would get hold of Mr. Jones and have him call [redacted] back. Mr. Jones was out and [redacted] was unable to get hold of Mr. Jones until shortly after 6 o'clock, and at that time [redacted] called back. On this occasion he was perturbed and stated that another paper had received a reply, that it looked like the Bureau was playing favorites and indicated that he was being given a run-around. At this moment Mr. Jones came in. Mr. Jones talked to him and told him I was handling the matter. Mr. Jones, in accordance with my instructions, then referred [redacted] to my office. When [redacted] called he obviously had a chip on his shoulder and immediately went into a tirade that he had called Jones and was being given a run-around and he demanded to know what the score was, stating that his paper had a deadline to make.

I told him the score simply was that the Los Angeles Examiner, which he in turn had mentioned by name as having the story, had furnished the fingerprints to us by wire photo, that we had made the identification, that since it was a local case it was suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Los Angeles. He was very gracious at this point and thanked me. He then asked for the girl's name and I furnished him with the girl's name. This satisfied him completely.

I noted in the Los Angeles Times story that the Times stated that the Times had been informed of the identity of the girl by the FBI after the Times had sent the fingerprint classification to Washington.

Shortly before 6 o'clock INS had a query from the Los Angeles Herald Express. They of course were fully informed as to the developments in the case by [redacted] the Herald Express is a day Hearst paper and INS stalled on making any reply.

At about 7 o'clock that evening [redacted] called me and asked if we would give out a short statement around 9 o'clock which would protect him since the Examiner would then be on the street. At 8:40 p.m. I received a call from the AP, advising that the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Examiner had the story. I told the AP that I would check on the matter and call them back. I then issued a short statement to INS and called the AP back and issued a short statement to them and to the UP. The statement issued is attached, included in my memorandum of January 17.

[redacted] has the reputation of carrying a chip on his shoulder. I would not be the least bit surprised that he might not protest against our handling of the matter. I do not think he

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

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has a leg to stand on since the Examiner was entitled to the protection that they had. I recall very distinctly that during the smear campaign of 1940 [REDACTED] exhibited an unfriendly attitude toward the Bureau. With my recollection serving me correctly, I was informed confidentially that at one of the AG's press conferences [REDACTED] asked questions indicating an unfriendly attitude toward the Bureau.

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SUMMARY

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 2/18/47

Call 2:25 pm

FROM: RA. ROSEN

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM  
MURDER; MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
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SAC R. B. Hood, Los Angeles, called and stated he had been advised by [redacted] of the "Examiner", the newspaper in Los Angeles which has been giving so much publicity to this case, that the Mayor of Los Angeles intended to call Mr. Hood this afternoon and request Bureau assistance in this investigation. Mr. Hood stated he was sure the Mayor knew the Bureau could conduct no actual investigation in this case but would ask for whatever assistance which could be rendered, his main purpose probably being that he could state publicly that he had asked the FBI for assistance.

Mr. Hood stated, if he was called by the "Examiner", which is a friendly paper, he would explain the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in a matter of this kind and point out to the Mayor that the Laboratory facilities and personnel available in the Bureau were available in the state they were desired, but that no actual investigation could be conducted. It was pointed out that even though Hood states the Bureau's position, the story would probably leave the impression that the Bureau was actually conducting some investigation, because any comment concerning the Laboratory facilities would probably be near the end of the story. In the event he is called by the newspapers, Hood felt that he should probably issue a statement setting out the Bureau's exact position in this matter. I told him I agreed.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN: No action is to be taken by Hood until he receives a call from the Mayor or a call from the newspapers. If he receives a call from the Mayor he is going to explain the Bureau's position. If he receives a call from the Newspapers he is going to explain the Bureau's position.

cc - Mr. Nichols  
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AR: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

FEBRUARY 20, 1947

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

ELIZABETH SHORT, INFORMATION CONCERNING. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Wire Answer !!!!!

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2-18-47

Re: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

File #  
Lab. # PC-19260 BN

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (62-2928)

Date of reference communication: let 2-13-47

Date received: 2-18-47

Examination requested: Micro.

Examination by:

Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

Miss [redacted] b7C b7D

Law [redacted] 2/20/47

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

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Wire Answer !!!

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2-18-47

Re: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

File #

Lab. # PC-19260 BE

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (62-2922)

Date of reference communication: let 2-13-47

Date received: 2-18-47

Examination requested: Micro. [REDACTED]

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

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Enclosure returned  
herewith

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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_

WASH 11 FROM LOSANGELES 19 10-47 AM  
DIRECTOR URGENT ATTENTION MR. ROSEN

ELIZABETH SHORT, INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] POLICE  
[REDACTED] PERSONALLY ADVISED ME ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEENTH THAT  
FOLLOWING BRIEF TALK WITH MAYOR FLETCHER BOWRON, NO REQUEST WOULD  
BE FORTHCOMING FOR ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN MURDER CASE INVOLVING [REDACTED] BY  
SHORT AS VICTIM. LOS ANGELES EXAMINER THIS DAY STATES CHIEF  
HORRALL MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST OF ME FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH STATEMENT  
HAS BEEN DENIED BY HIM TO THE EXAMINER AND INQUIRIES FROM TWO  
OTHER PAPERS HAVE BEEN MET WITH [REDACTED] RESPONSE THAT WE ARE NOT CONDUCTING  
ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IN ABSENCE OF [REDACTED] JURISDICTION  
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Mr. Rosen

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February 20, 1947

62-82627-31

Los Angeles 13, California

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 15, 1947.

You may be assured I am appreciative of your courtesy and interest in furnishing such information to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Los Angeles (with copy of incoming letter)

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Los Angeles, 13, California  
Feb. 15, 1947

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I had occasion once before to write you - April 10, 1946 and feel impressed to do so again now. That other was a personal matter; this one is of grave public importance which is being grossly neglected - if not abetted - by the police.

On the night of the 14th. of January there was an awful rumpus [redacted] whom everybody used to call the Old Policeman - has lived there for a long time. I was told that [redacted] heard it all - the terrible obscene language the man was using and the woman screaming. He at once reported it to [redacted] twelve - I was told - came and took old [redacted] covered with blood - to jail. Later an ambulance came to get the girl's body. It was all cut up and terribly mutilated. Her mouth cut from ear to ear. The lady [redacted] fainted when she saw it. The next morning the body of the Black "ahlig" was found dumped out into a lot on Norton. [redacted] all cleaned up was let out by the sheriff [redacted] as though nothing had happened. He's been going and coming ever since - so I'm told - and the second murder in L.A. within the past week - Feb. 10th - has all the earmarks of his dirty work.

Now, I do not know whether or not this matter has been taken care of by any investigators. The police appear to be doing nothing in regard to it. Maybe no one has reported it for fear of the police - as they already know all about it; having been here twelve strong that night of B.D.'s murder. She was alive a few minutes before they got here. The first paper, the Times mentioned a \$10,000 reward involved.

We women are beginning to live in mortal terror of these conditions that are happening around us, for this corner was once a highly respected neighborhood. We have no place to move to, and cannot get out. [redacted] has been involved before in other questionable affairs. Everybody [redacted] could give evidence in regard to this matter. [redacted] - and many I do not know by name. The matter is being hushed up. Everybody is afraid of the police. I am giving you this information in case you have been informed. L.A. needs cleaning up. If the matter is being taken care of - to your knowledge - please drop the matter here. If not; I would like to see [redacted] picked up at once for he is to have until the 18th. of Tuesday. [redacted] leave [redacted] SE 32 F B I  
(To you should answer, please answer immediately) envelop



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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASH FROM LOSA 3 28 11-52 AM

DIRECTOR URGENT

RE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDERED, MISC.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING, VICTIM AKA QUOTE BLACK DAHLIA UNQUOTE,  
MURDERED JAN. FIFTEEN LAST. RETEL FROM L.A. JAN. TWENTY-FOUR  
NAMES REQUESTED RECORDED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE  
NAMES, EMPLOYMENT RECORD OF SHORT THROUGH SOCIAL SECURITY AS  
MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH LOCAL POLICE. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS  
IN POLICE INVESTIGATION INCLUDES RECEIPT OF SEVERAL LETTERS TO  
NEWSPAPERS AND AUTHORITIES HERE BY WRITER WHO CLAIMS TO BE  
MURDERER WITH PROMISE TO SURRENDER. FIRST LETTER IN-  
TERCEPTED BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND ADDRESSED TO NEWSPAPERS  
CONTAINED FOLLOWING ARTICLES DEFINITELY BELONGING TO VICTIM.  
BIRTH CERTIFICATE, BAGGAGE CHECK, PHOTOGRAPHS, PERSONAL CORRES-  
PONDENCE. NO SUBSEQUENT MAIL OR COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINED ANY  
MATERIAL TO INDICATE WRITERS HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OR CONNECTION  
WITH INSTANT CASE. NO DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE TO INDICATE UFAP  
POSSIBILITIES. EXPEDITE INFO REQUESTED.

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FEB 11 1947

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 28, 1964

TO : Director, FBI

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE: [REDACTED] SUSPECT

Attached hereto are fingerprints of captioned suspect in connection with the mutilation murder of ELIZABETH SHORT. Please forward results of comparison of these fingerprints to this office Air Mail Special Delivery.

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**AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY**

**March 6, 1947**

**SAC, Los Angeles**

**Director, FBI**

**ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1947, submitting the fingerprints of [REDACTED] in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928. b7C

You are advised that the fingerprints submitted were compared with the latent fingerprints previously forwarded in connection with the instant case, but no identifications were effected.

A search of the fingerprints of [REDACTED] through the Bureau's main fingerprint files has failed to disclose any prior record for this individual.

[REDACTED] b7C  
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**★ MAR 6 1947 P.M.**

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 3-4-47 12:00 NOON

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: ELIZABETH SHORT **b7C**  
[REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING  
[REDACTED] SUSPECT **b7C**

Number: 62-82627-**33**

Specimens: Fingerprints of suspect, [REDACTED] submitted for comparison  
with the unidentified latents in this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 3-4-47 **b7C**

Date of reference communication: 2-28-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

*Comparisons made - no  
prints to tech 3-4  
No prior record  
dictated 3-6-47 **b7C***

Examination by: **b7C**  
[REDACTED]

**b7C**  
[REDACTED]  
3-6-47

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASH FROM LOSA 19 5-20 PM

DIRECTOR URGENT

UNSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DALLA, VICTIM, MUTILATION MURDER,  
INFO. CONCERNING. [REDACTED], VA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENLISTED  
[REDACTED] CONSIDERED LIKELY SUSPECT IN SHORT MURDER. INFO. AVAIL-  
ABLE LAPD INDICATES [REDACTED] DESERTER. NO RECORD [REDACTED] INDICATED  
THIS OFFICE. REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT [REDACTED]  
SUBJ OF DESERTER FUGITIVE CASE AND IF SO WHAT OFFICE IS ORIGIN-  
[REDACTED] LISTED RESIDENCE ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEBRUARY 26, 1947

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, LOS ANGELES

URGENT

Transmit the following message to:  
USSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DALLIA, VICTIM MUTILATION MURDER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING. REURTEL TODAY. WAR DEPARTMENT HAS NOT  
REQUESTED BUREAU ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING [REDACTED] ALIAS [REDACTED] AS A  
DEPORTER.

HOOVER

CC: Mr. Rosen

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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EX-28

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 3, 1947

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM;  
MURDER - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the conference teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Bureau and New York, dated January 2, 1947.

Since all pertinent facts were submitted by teletype to the Los Angeles Field Division and the Bureau on January 25, 1947, no report is being submitted and this matter is being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Los Angeles

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 20, 1947

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT  
Information Concerning

On February 18, 1947, [redacted] of the Los Angeles Examiner, advised me that in all probability I would receive a request from Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON on February 18th for this Bureau's assistance in connection with the murder case in which ELIZABETH SHORT is the victim. The Bureau will recall that this individual was murdered and her body dissected and it is referred to as the "Black Dahlia" case.

[redacted] went on to state that Mayor BOWRON had been friendly to the Examiner and that he personally was friendly to the Mayor but that there are now rumors of incompetency in the police department and that citizens are terrorized in view of the recent murders in this city - there having been four unusual cases in the past six weeks. He stated that within the last several days the Police Commission has asked Chief of Police [redacted] for a report on these cases and in [redacted] opinion if there another murder of this type in the near future, it is going to be most unfortunate for the Los Angeles Police Department.

He stated many people believe that the FBI should join forces with the local department in this case and they do not know that our jurisdiction will not permit it. He mentioned that if the FBI did join local authorities and nothing became of the investigation, there obviously would not be so much unfavorable reflection on the local agency and likewise if the Bureau were to solve the case and make its own independent release and ignore the police department, it would destroy all public confidence in the police organization.

[redacted] states that he has many good friends on the Homicide Squad and they have been very cooperative with his paper but it is known that many of them are not experienced homicide investigators, they having been taken over from other squads in the last year or so.

I was with [redacted] on February 18th and without my mentioning this situation, he stated he wanted me to know confidentially that on February 17th the Mayor had called [redacted] and asked [redacted] he did not request assistance of this Bureau and [redacted] informed him that we had no jurisdiction to enter the investigation but for the Mayor's own information and not for publication, this office had been of considerable

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MAR 8 1947

TO: Director  
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT  
Information Concerning

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assistance in the investigation. This is true, as we have made records available to the local officers which they were not in a position to obtain and have rendered them assistance in contacting the Veterans Bureau, Navy Department and other similar organizations. No actual investigation has been made of the murder case and none is contemplated. [redacted] wanted me to know that if the Mayor did make any statement about the Bureau's participation in this case that it was entirely the Mayor's and over the objection of [redacted]

[redacted] could take the criticism that might be directed to them. He pointed out [redacted] under no circumstances [redacted] do anything that might give the appearance of attempting to pass it on to this Bureau. He stated that the Mayor meant well but that when the newspapers put the pressure on him his judgment is not good and he might say something that would appear to involve this Bureau in the investigation. I informed [redacted] that I understood the Mayor was going to call upon me for assistance but that if he did so, it would be explained that [redacted] Federal jurisdiction for me to enter the case but [redacted] facilities would be available at any time as they have always been in the past.

For the Bureau's information, reporters were at the scene of the murder before the law enforcement officers arrived and had the evidence in their possession before the officers, and throughout the entire investigation the reporters have talked to witnesses and published facts which were bound to hinder the investigation of the local department. Reporters are in the office of the Detective Bureau and it is not possible for the investigators to have a confidential telephone conversation or even read mail without having some newspaper reporter looking it over to see if it relates to this case.

As Mr. ROSEN of the Bureau was informed February 18th, if the Mayor, if he requests assistance from us, would be informed of the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in the case and newspaper inquiries will be met with a direct statement that we have no investigative jurisdiction, and if any statement the Mayor might make calls for a clarification, the matter will be discussed with the Bureau immediately before any comment is made.

Since dictation of the above material, [redacted] has telephonically advised me that he had another talk with the Mayor and he believes the entire situation is taken care of and he does not anticipate that anything further will be heard on it.



REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

February 26, 1947

To: SAC, Los Angeles

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This report serves to confirm and supplement the Bureau's wire of February 20, 1947.

Re: Elizabeth Short  
Information Concerning

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 62-2928  
FBI FILE NO. 62-82627  
LAB. NO. PC-19260 BN

Examination requested by: Addressee  
Reference: Letter 2/13/47  
Examination requested: Microscopic  
Specimens: Q1, [redacted]

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

[redacted] Q1 are [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

From the above examination, it is the opinion of the examiner that [redacted]

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Miss Gandy

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

the portion of specimen Q1 not consumed in the examination is being [redacted]

# HEARST NEWSPAPERS



TIMES-HERALD BUILDING  
Room 607  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 23, 1947

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Gurnea ✓

Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inclosed is a tearsheet from The Los Angeles Examiner,  
in which I thought you might be interested.

The near-miracle which is the FBI's identification  
division was lauded in big stories in all our papers in connection  
with the Elizabeth Short identification. I presume you are receiving  
clippings.

Your comment in the inclosed story was particularly  
appreciated by [redacted] of The Los Angeles  
Examiner.

Los Angeles, CALIF

Yours very truly,

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[REDACTED]  
Hearst Newspapers  
Times-Herald Building, Room 607  
Washington 5, D. C.

G. I. R. 5

Dear [REDACTED]  
Your letter dated January 23, 1947, has been received and I want to thank you for making the enclosed tearsheet from the Los Angeles Examiner available to me. I am indeed pleased that my comments were gratifying to [REDACTED] because the Examiner deserves real commendation for its cooperative service in this case.

With best wishes and kind regards,  
Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED] letter.  
of the Los Angeles Examiner-per [REDACTED]

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California  
February 25, 1947

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: **ELIZABETH SHORT**  
**"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES**  
**INFORMATION CONCERNING**

Dear Sir:

The manner in which ELIZABETH SHORT's body was dissected has indicated the possibility that the murderer was a person somewhat experienced in medical work. The Los Angeles Police Department has undertaken to develop suspects among the medical and dental schools in the area, as well as among other students who have anything to do with human anatomy.

The University of Southern California Medical School was reluctant to turn over a list of their students to the police department without being assured that the names would not be indexed into police or FBI records as suspects in the case. This assurance has been given them.

I am enclosing two copies of a list of the University of Southern California medical students, giving the name, address, ~~birth~~ date and Army or Navy compensation number where known. Those students with "c" numbers are in school under the G.I. Bill of Rights. It is requested that the Bureau search these names through the criminal record indices and in the event any criminal record is determined for any of these men, a copy is requested to be sent air mail to this office.

It will be noted that eight names are preceded with an asterisk. In these cases, if a fingerprint card is located for the individual, it is requested that a photographic copy of fingerprints be furnished to this office by air mail as the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Laboratory has compared the handwriting of these individuals with notes received in the case and has concluded that there is some similarity and they would like to be able to compare latent fingerprints also.

I feel that we can be of much assistance to the Los Angeles Police Department in this case and the Bureau's expeditious attention to this project will be sincerely appreciated by ~~the~~ **RECORDED** **62-82627-40**

At the completion of the Bureau's search, it is requested that the list be destroyed or returned to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC.



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February 28, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

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62-82627-40

ELIZABETH SHORT  
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
Your File #62-2928

Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 1947, relative to the above subject matter, enclosing a list of the names of the University of Southern California medical students.

In accordance with your request these names are being searched through the files of the Identification Division and upon completion of this search the results will be furnished to you. At that time the list of names will be forwarded to you for appropriate disposal.

For your information the Identification Division Single Fingerprint Section will compare the photographic latent prints which are in their possession with the records as they are located.

AIR MAIL

G.I.R.-5

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 6, 1947

REGISTERED MAIL

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH SHORT  
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 1947, submitting a list bearing the names of students enrolled in the Medical School of the University of Southern California and requesting that these names be searched through the criminal indices of the Identification Division in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928.

You are advised that no criminal records were located for the individuals whose names are marked with an asterisk. However, non-criminal fingerprint cards were located for nine of these individuals, photographic copies of which are enclosed as requested.

A search of the remaining names on the list has resulted in the location of criminal records for three individuals who may be identical with the persons named in your letter. Transcripts of their records are enclosed.

Non-criminal fingerprint records were also located for 217 other individuals and their fingerprints, as well as those mentioned above, were compared with the five latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the instant case, but no identifications were effected.

For your information, red check marks appear on the returned lists before the names of individuals for whom fingerprint cards were located. It should be noted that no fingerprints are available for 28 individuals.

Enclosures **b7c**

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Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 3-5-47 2:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Number: 62-82627 -40

Case: RE: ELIZABETH SHORT  
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER I - LOS ANGELES  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGSpecimens: One list of approximately 300 individuals submitted. (with copy)  
It is requested that the fingerprints of the individuals listed  
in instant letter be compared with latents previously submitted in this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 3-5-47 [REDACTED] b7C

Date of reference communication: 2-25-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Examination by [REDACTED] b7C

Result of examination:

EXHIBIT

*Exts. of 254 indiv. compared with latents  
just sub. - 254  
Dictated 3-5-47 [REDACTED] b7C*

*[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 3-6-47  
[REDACTED]*

COPY: **b7c**

February 27, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM  
MURDER

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**62-82627-41**

Enclosed is a transcript of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau which makes reference to the murder of the captioned victim. You should submit such information to the Los Angeles Police Department for such action as that agency deems advisable.

Attached with a copy of this letter for the Boston Field Division is a transcript of this anonymous communication which also makes reference to the disappearance of Paula Welden. In view of the nature of the anonymous communication, it is not believed advisable for the Boston Field Division to initiate any investigation on the basis of this letter.

cc: Boston (enclosure)

Enclosure

**[REDACTED]** **b7c**

*Anonymous Communication*

CCP

Paula Weldon Bennington, Vermont disappeared

[REDACTED]

alias

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

killer  
of Elizabeth Short  
Los Angeles

[REDACTED]  
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Los Angeles, 13 California  
Feb. 26, 1947

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;-

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As you know, the Black Dahlia case has been quickly hushed up, and apparently all covered up. No effort was really made to bring the culprit to justice. His name [REDACTED] and his room number [REDACTED] and all of his dirty work, are well known to the police but the rascal is still [REDACTED] begging [REDACTED] to stay! He was supposed to have left by the 18th - by order of the sheriff. As for any material evidence being now available, that is possibly out of the question. For the firemen and police have been here many times "cleaning" up after [REDACTED]. I saw an old mattress being brought into the house here from a truck - marked M-62 on the back left corner - on the first of Feb. about 12:30 p.m. [REDACTED] says the firemen have found an enormous amount of old papers between this house and the next - corner restaurant and saloons - and that they have been clearing them out. The strip is only a couple of feet or so wide and directly under [REDACTED] fourth floor windows. [REDACTED] know about these goings-on of [REDACTED] and tried to evict [REDACTED] whom they accused of talking too much. They are almost as kind to [REDACTED] as are the police. This was not [REDACTED] first offense. I heard on good authority from several sources [REDACTED] that a woman who had been with the "Old Policeman" - as they call [REDACTED] was shoved when drunk from the roof or 4th floor and taken to the hospital - probably the same ambulance that took the Black Dahlia. Another affair that took place in his room and ended down in a book-store or Magazine shop [REDACTED] on 5th, st. and which was quickly hushed up - and the store vacated; now being used to store liquor - was more than suspicious. I will never forget that poor store-keeper's wife's screaming and being suddenly choked still, as long as I live! The old man with the white dog called Michel, that used to live [REDACTED] who talked too much about this affair, has now disappeared. I am told he is in a hospital from liquor poisoning!

Hoping this information may be of service,

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Los Angeles 12, California

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G.I.R.-5

Your letter dated February 26, 1947, has been received and I want to thank you for making this information available to me. The matter you mention does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau but I am referring your comments to appropriate local authorities.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Los Angeles, with two copies of incoming.  
Attention, SAC: For your information and referral to appropriate local authorities.

NOTE: No record on this correspondent located in general indices.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
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Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm

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MAR 4 1947 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM  
MURDER.

DATE: 1-31-47

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Pennington	
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Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

You will recall we addressed a letter to the Social Security Administration requesting their assistance by furnishing record information in their possession to assist in locating a suspect in the very vicious murder of Elizabeth Short which occurred just recently in California and has received so much publicity. We are now in receipt of the reply which is a rather verbose declination based on a regulation prescribed by the Social Security Board. It is attached.

During the war, Social Security furnished us information on cases directly concerned with the "successful prosecution of the war". You will recall that just recently they wrote to the Attorney General and stated since the President's proclamation terminating hostilities, this cooperation could now be honored only when we certify that the case in question grew out of the war. We accordingly directed a memorandum to the Attorney General protesting the lack of cooperation on the part of Social Security and pointing out that we now have cases which are of at least as grave concern to the security of the country as during the war and asking him to make every effort to effect arrangements whereby we could secure this invaluable information.

There are attached for your approval a teletype to Los Angeles advising that Social Security has refused to furnish the information needed by the police and a memorandum to the Attorney General advising of this incident to supplement our previous memorandum.

Attachments

cc-Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Zone 25

January 31, 1947

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am replying to your letter of January 28, 1947, which [REDACTED] delivered to us, in which you request information from our records concerning the employment of Elizabeth Short. b7c

The subject of such requests has been previously discussed with the Department of Justice; you may recall that early in 1937, your department requested access to our records for the location of individuals suspected of criminal acts. At that time, every consideration was given to the request but because of the Social Security Board's often-repeated public pledge that information furnished would be used only for the purposes of the Social Security Act, and after consulting with other governmental agencies, representatives of organized labor, and others, the request was denied. Since that time we have followed the policy of refusing to furnish confidential information from our records except for the purposes of administering the Act. An exception was made, however, in our agreement whereby your department has been furnished information when such disclosures would be in the interest of the successful prosecution of the war.

Supporting this policy Congress, in the 1939 amendments to the Social Security Act, enacted Section 1106 which provides that the records of the Social Security Board (now the Social Security Administration) shall be regarded as confidential and that no disclosures thereof may be made except as the Board may by regulations prescribe. Regulation I, adopted in conformity with this statute, prescribes what information may be disclosed and to whom. b1

Although I appreciate entirely your desire for such information I regret that the request, in accordance with this Regulation, is not one for which an exception may be made.

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Sincerely yours,

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W. L. Mitchell  
Acting Commissioner



J. Edgar Hoover



# FBI Head Lauds Examiner for Slaying Case Aid

By RAY RICHARDS  
Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 — Congratulations and thanks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the identification of a 231 murder victim were extended to the Los Angeles Examiner today by the agency's director, J. Edgar Hoover.

Hoover said: "The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murder victim was an excellent illustration of cooperation of the press with law enforcement.

"It is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

In a news release announcing the identification late last night the FBI gave the Los Angeles Examiner sole credit for bringing about the identification in record time.

The release indicated that the Examiner, cooperating with the Los Angeles Police Department, sent the girl's fingerprints to Washington over the instantaneous Speedo photo system of International News Photos.

"They were sent to the FBI's identification section by the Washington Bureau of the Hearst Newspapers, which among other things, gave the fingerprints, they were found as those of Lucille Short, former clerk in a national post exchange at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Thus, California audiences were enabled to take up

the pursuit of the slayer, so that what so hurried that he had looked the girl's face and torso and put the body in place in the FBI Washington records the case was closed.

In the FBI Washington records, meaning was given as a "spontaneous identification."

Only rarely in the past has an arrest been made by fingerprint identification by telegraph or telephone.

FBI officials said the girl was about 27 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 125 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, and other features in particular.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson ☒ *[Signature]*  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ☐  
 Mr. Clegg ☐  
 Mr. Glavin ☐  
 Mr. Ladd ☐  
 Mr. Nichols ☐  
 Mr. Rosen ☐  
 Mr. Tracy ☐  
 Mr. Carson ☐  
 Mr. Gurnea ☐  
 Mr. Harbo ☐  
 Mr. Hendon ☐  
 Mr. Nease ☐  
 Miss Gandy ☐

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 quest.

See Me ☐  
 Note and Return ☐  
 For Your Recommendation ☐  
 What are the facts? ☐  
 Remarks:

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Miss Gandy ☐

See Me ☐  
Note and Return ☐  
For Your Recommendation ☐  
What are the facts? ☐  
Remarks:

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case? It is a  
flagrant one &  
might want  
some cases cited*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 1, 1947

In addition to the attached Memorandum from Mr. Tamm to Mr. Hoover and the letter from Mr. W.L. Mitchell, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, is a copy of the Memorandum which was sent to the Attorney General per the Director's instructions.

The wire mentioned in Mr. Tamm's memorandum was sent to SAC Hood pursuant to the Director's instructions.

Mr. Hoover asked that this memorandum and the copy of the memorandum to the Attorney General be left on his desk.

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*This is outrageous. I want careful memo prepared which I can use before Appropriations Committee on this.*

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Mr. Tamm  
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DIRECTOR AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA URGENT  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM,  
INFO CONCERNING. VICTIMS MUTILATED BODY FOUND LA JAN. FIFTEEN  
LAST. INFO DEVELOPED BY LAPD INDICATING THAT [REDACTED] IS LIKELY SUSPECT  
—ASN [REDACTED]

IN THIS MURDER. AS COOPERATIVE MEASURE AND UNLESS ADVISED TO  
CONTRARY BY BUREAU, IT IS REQUESTED PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] TRANSFERRED FROM [REDACTED]

TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND PRESENTLY [REDACTED] BELIEVED THERE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEDFORD, MASS., WHICH IS ALSO HOME

TOWN OF VICTIM, RECEIVED TWO [REDACTED] POST CARDS POSTMARKED SEPT  
TWENTYONE LAST FROM [REDACTED] ONE CARD

SIGNED BY VICTIM BETTY SHORT [REDACTED] STATING THAT SHE WAS  
MARRIED TO [REDACTED] WHO WAS A FRIEND OF

[REDACTED] AND THAT WAS AT THAT TIME LIVING IN HOLLYWOOD AND  
VERY HAPPY. SECOND CARD TO [REDACTED] SIGNED BY [REDACTED] IN WHICH  
HE STATED THAT HE HAD MARRIED A FORMER GIRL FRIEND OF [REDACTED]  
WAS HAPPILY MARRIED AND LIVING WITH HER IN HOLLYWOOD. RECEIPT OF  
CARDS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES WAS FIRST INDICATION THAT [REDACTED] WAS  
EVER ASSOCIATED WITH VICTIM. TEL FROM [REDACTED] STATES THAT  
OFFICIAL MORNING REPORTS [REDACTED] REFLECT [REDACTED]

Present EACH DAY FROM JAN. ONE TO JAN. TWENTY EIGHT IN SPITE  
OF THIS APPARENT ALIBI OF [REDACTED] LOCAL AUTHORITIES DESIRE THAT HE  
BE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY AS FOLLOWS. WHEN, WHERE AND [REDACTED]

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CIRCUMSTANCES OF MEETING VICTIM. DATE, PLACE AND LENGTH OF MARRIAGE AND HONEYMOON. RES<sup>idence</sup> AND ALL FRIENDS OR ~~ACQUAIN-~~ ACQUAINTANCES SHE MAY HAVE HAD. CIRCUMSTANCES<sup>is</sup> SURROUNDING THE WRITING ~~of~~ ABOVE MENTIONED POST CARDS TO [REDACTED] ALSO WHETHER OR NOT VICTIM HAD EVER EXPRESSED FEAR OF ANY ONE TO [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF NATION WIDE PUBLICITY ASCERTAIN WHY [REDACTED] DID NOT VOLUNTEER

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EITHER HIS MARRIAGE TO OR ACQUAINTANCE WITH SHORT. VICTIMS WHEREABOUTS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR FROM JAN. NINE LAST UNTIL HER BADLY MUTILATED BODY FOUND IN SOUTH END OF LA IN EMPTY LOT. ASCERTAIN FROM [REDACTED] WHEN HE LAST SAW AND HEARD FROM SHORT AND ANY AND ALL INFO THAT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE IN INSTANT INVESTIGATION. SUTEL INFO REQUESTED.

HOOD

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELIZABETH  
SHORT, a.k.a. "Black Dahlia", Victim  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 3-22-47

Call: 9:15 A.M.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
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Miss Gandy

Based upon the request which was made by the Los Angeles Division of our Philadelphia Office to conduct investigation in connection with the "Black Dahlia" case, I called Philadelphia and instructed them that upon the basis of the information available to the Bureau, we did not desire any additional inquiries made in this case.

The attached wire reflects that the Los Angeles Police Department desires our cooperation. They have found out through their own inquiries that the victim in the "Black Dahlia" case, Betty Short, was married to one [redacted] is in the Army, and although the Army reports reflect that [redacted] was present each day during the pertinent period, the Los Angeles Police Department still desires that be interviewed.

We have not conducted any investigation in this case and I do not think ought to enter it at this late date. The Philadelphia Office was instructed not to conduct any investigation and unless advised to the contrary, they will not. If approved, a wire should be sent to our Los Angeles Office advising that their are to be conducted in this case as previously instructed and that, of course, our Laboratory facilities are available. There is no reason to change these plans at this time.

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STAY OUT OF THIS

I think we may  
well do this.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MARCH 24, 1947

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PHILADELPHIA

URGENT

62-82627-45  
RECONS, ELIZABETH SHORT, LA, VICTIM, INFORMATION CONCERNING. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
AS REQUESTED LOS ANGELES WIRE MARCH TWENTYONE.

HOOVER

CC LOS ANGELES

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- Glavin
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- Gendron
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Benzedrinist Hops Up New 'Dahlia' Confession

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, March 24—A blood-stained handkerchief and a revised "confession" which may link 23-year-old Melvin Bailey with the mutilation-murder of Elizabeth (Black Dahlia) Short were en route to Los Angeles police today.

The handkerchief, given police by Bailey, was found yesterday to have been stained with human blood several weeks ago. Bailey claims it is Miss Short's handkerchief and her blood and that he carried it as a "keepsake" after slashing and cutting her body in two with an eight inch Marine combat knife.

### TO CHECK BLOOD STAINS

Bailey, who made his first confession March 18, changed his statement adding more details to the gruesome story he told of mutilating the girl's body because she refused to accompany him from Los Angeles to St. Louis.

His new statement did not correct the original discrepancy in the dates. Miss Short's body was found January 15, and police said she was dead less than 12 hours. Bailey claims he killed the girl January 13.

Los Angeles police will attempt to determine if the blood on the handkerchief is the same type as that of Miss Short.

Bailey said on the night of Jan-

uary 12 he and Miss Short began a round of nightclubs. She drank liquor, he said, while he consumed benzedrine and coffee "for a lift."

Later, Bailey said, he and Miss Short took a drive in a stolen auto. During the ride, he said, they argued about the St. Louis trip.

### BURNED HIS CLOTHING

Bailey said he stopped the car along the Long Beach road near the shore. After more arguments, he knocked Miss Short unconscious and carried her body down to the beach, slashed her repeatedly across the breasts, abdomen and groin, and then cut her body in two.

He used a blanket, he said, to wash the body, dipping it in the ocean several times and returning to sponge off her skin.

Bailey said he returned to Los Angeles and drove around until he reached the intersection of a "rather broad street" and Santa Barbara. There he found a vacant lot where he placed the body, putting a white flower from her hair into her hands.

Later that morning, Bailey said he went to San Francisco and obtained an auto ride to St. Louis. He said he burned his blood-soaked clothing near Oklahoma City, but did not remember what he had done with the girl's clothing.

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MURDER OF ELIZABETH BERT, AKA, BLACK DAMELA, INFO CONCERNING, RETEL MARCH  
EIGHTEENTH. FILES OF THE AGO INDICATE [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REENLISTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HIS FILE REFLECTS A

LETTER DATED NOVEMBER TWELFTH, FORTY SIX, FROM THE HONORABLE DANIEL J. FLOOD,  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS, REQUESTING THE COOPERATION OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN THE  
TRANSFER OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHERE

[REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED IN JANUARY. THE LATEST ASSIGNMENT CARD IN FILE DATED  
NOVEMBER THIRTY, FORTY SIX, SHOWS [REDACTED] ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, THERE IS A

LETTER DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR, FORTY SEVEN, SIGNED BY [REDACTED] FROM THE  
[REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISING THAT THIS WAS

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO VERIFY THIS AS

[REDACTED] PRESENT STATION BUT THE ROSTERS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE NOT  
BEEN RECEIVED. BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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Per [REDACTED]

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DIRECTOR URGENT

MURDER OF ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA, BLACK DAHLIA, INFO CONCERNING LOCAL  
POLICE HAVE VERY LIKELY SUSPECT, [REDACTED] WASH [REDACTED]

LAST KNOWN TO BE ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED] REQUES

APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER INSTANT SUSPECT  
PRESENTLY IN ARMY AND IF POSSIBLE, WHERE ASSIGNED DURING MONTH OF JAN  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nease  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Coyne  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Carson

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Bureau Supply Section  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Room

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp and mail  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Call these files

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM MURDER, INFO COM

LOCAL AUTHORITIES DESIRE TO KNOW WHERE SUSPECT

ASSIGNED DURING JAN FORTY SEVEN. PRESENTLY ASSIGNED

REQUEST CHECK OF NAVAL RECORDS FOR DESIRED  
INFO AND SUTEL.

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ACK PLS

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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: April 25, 1947

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELIZABETH SHORT, with alias - VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the Bureau's communication to Philadelphia of April 22, 1947.

In response to Los Angeles teletype dated March 21, 1947, it was ascertained that the service record of [REDACTED] maintained at [REDACTED] reflected [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] he was assigned to [REDACTED] on January 28, 1947 and reported to [REDACTED] July 19, 1946. He left [REDACTED] on February 6, 1947. [REDACTED] b7c

He is presently assigned at [REDACTED] He was assigned to [REDACTED] until January 10, 1947, when he was carried on the records as attached until January 28, when he left for [REDACTED]

The only furloughs reported are -

November 27, 1945 to February 25, 1946  
May 13, 1946 to June 2, 1946  
July 19, 1946 to August 11, 1946

The information as noted above was brought to the attention of the Pittsburgh Office by teletype on March 25, 1947, said teletype incorporating the information received by this office in Los Angeles teletype of March 21, 1947, along with the fact that the Bureau, by teletype of March 24, 1947, had authorized the investigation, as was requested by Los Angeles. The results of Pittsburgh's investigation are not known to this office.

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Lt. [REDACTED] b7c  
cc [REDACTED]

cc Mr. Rosen

May 8, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, with alias, VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

You are requested to inform as to the results of the investigation conducted by you relative to [REDACTED] as requested by Philadelphia Division teletype of March 25, 1947.

cc Los Angeles

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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

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cc Mr. Rosen

April 22, 1947

SAC, Philadelphia

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELIZABETH SHORT,  
WITH ALIAS, VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Please furnish by return mail the results of the investigation conducted by you pursuant to the request contained in the teletype message from the Los Angeles Division dated March 21, 1947.

cc Los Angeles

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Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease

b7c

May 7 1947.

Egar Hoover.

Dear Mr Hoover.

As a Citizen of United States I suspect the  
killer of the Black Ballia I may be wrong. But  
In 1946 He took my Social Security No.  
And took \$70 dollars of me he claims he is extra  
In the motion picture he promised me he would make  
in actor out of me he is 5 feet x rough face weigh  
145 pound dark brown complexion black mustache and  
Black hair the last time I seen him was in July 1946.  
If you wish to have someone to talk to me or  
write to me. I shall be very happy. If I could be  
helpful to you.

I have a pleasure to hear from you so  
with kind regards  
I remain  
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May 13, 1947

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of May 7, 1947 furnishing information relative to an individual whom you believe may be identical with the killer of Elizabeth Short also known as the "Black Dahlia". As the investigation in this matter is being conducted by the Police Department at Los Angeles, California, I am taking the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to that organization.

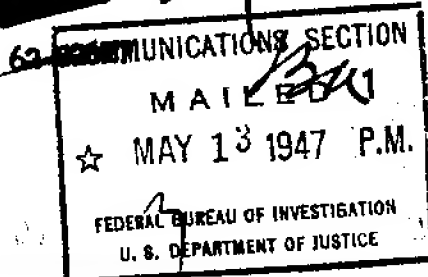
Your courtesy and interest in communicating with this Bureau are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc Newark (with copy of incoming)  
cc Los Angeles (with copy of incoming) - An additional copy of the incoming letter from [REDACTED] is furnished herewith so that you may transmit the same to the Police Department, Los Angeles, California.

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Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 16, 1947

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka Black Dahlia. VICTIM  
MURDER - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Beahm  
Miss Gandy

The Los Angeles Division has requested authorization for investigation to be conducted by the Chicago Division as a matter of cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department. The request is to interview three persons whose names appeared in the personal address book of the victim.

Los Angeles has also requested Chicago to furnish the facts relative to the mutilation murder of Lucille Kietzman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was questioned by the Sheriff at Urbana, Illinois, relative to his possible implication in the Elizabeth Short slaying.

OBSERVATION

On March 21, 1947, Los Angeles, upon a request of the Los Angeles Police Department, requested that Philadelphia interview [REDACTED] husband of Elizabeth Short, and considered a likely suspect. Although the recommendation was made that we not conduct such investigation and not enter into the investigation at this late date, the Director commented "I think we might well do this."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Chicago be authorized to conduct the three interviews. If you concur, there is attached a teletype to the Chicago Division.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA. VICTIM MUTILATION MURDER, INFO

CONCERNING. BUREAU AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED FOR CHICAGO CONDUCT

INQUIRY AS MATTER OF COOPERATION LAPD AS REQUESTED LA TEL TO CHICAGO

DATED MAY TWELVE LAST REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF THREE INDIVIDUALS

LISTED IN PERSONAL ADDRESS BOOK OF VICTIM. CHICAGO ALSO REQUESTED

FURNISH AMSD FACTS CONCERNING MUTILATION MURDER LUCILLE KRETZMAN

[REDACTED] CONCERNING WHICH

SHERIFF, URBANA, ILL, RELATED [REDACTED] WOULD BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING

BLACK DAHLIA SLAYING, LA.

HOOD.

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cc Mr. Rosen

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UNSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DALLIA, VICTIM, MURDER. INFO CONCERNING.  
AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OUTLINED LOS ANGELES WIRE  
MAY FIFTEEN.

Hoover

cc Los Angeles (regular mail)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 20, 1947

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ELIZABETH SHORT,  
aka Black Dahlia, VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The Los Angeles Police Department informed the Los Angeles Division that [REDACTED] was considered a likely suspect in connection with the murder of the above victim based on two postcards postmarked September 21, 1946 to [REDACTED] the victim signing one as Betty Short [REDACTED] and the other signed by [REDACTED] indicated that they were married and living in Hollywood. [REDACTED] was acquainted with the victim when she resided in Medford, Massachusetts. Although military records indicated [REDACTED] was on duty [REDACTED] during the pertinent period the Los Angeles Police Department requested that [REDACTED] be interviewed for them.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by the Pittsburgh Division at which time he informed that during 1946 while with the Army he was assigned the duty of returning deserters and absentees to [REDACTED]. While in Los Angeles on September 20, 1946 he was picked up by the victim while standing on a street corner after she had commented on certain military insignia on his uniform and asked if he was acquainted with [REDACTED] who was also in [REDACTED]. He had a date with the victim and spent the night with her in her hotel room, spending also part of the day of September 21 with the victim and whose name [REDACTED] could not recall. Accompanying them on this day was [REDACTED] who had accompanied [REDACTED] to Los Angeles. It was on September 21 when the discussion of [REDACTED] came up that the victim stated that she had formerly gone with him and he was quite jealous of her and to play a joke on [REDACTED] she suggested that they both send postcards to him informing [REDACTED] that she was married to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] says further that after reading in the [REDACTED] papers about the Black Dahlia murder he wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Police Department informing them of his meeting with her, fearing that his name might be found in her address book as she had noted it down when she had promised to write to him [REDACTED]. He did not receive a reply from the Los Angeles Police Department.

[REDACTED] added that the victim was the type of girl who was very friendly and would talk to anyone. She appeared known to the head waiter and numerous waiters at Tom Brenneman's Restaurant.

[REDACTED] could furnish no information relative to the possible killer of Elizabeth Short.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, LOS ANGELES URGENT

UNSUB, [REDACTED] ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM OF  
MURDER, INFO CONCERNING. REBUTEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST AUTHORIZING  
INTERVIEWS REQUESTED BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION IN ABOVE MATTER. ONE OF  
PERSONS DESIRED INTERVIEWED IS [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS  
[REDACTED] REPUTATION OF BEING WELL INFORMED BUT VERY INDISCREET. BUREAU  
REQUESTED TO ADVISE CHICAGO DIVISION WHETHER UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES  
[REDACTED] SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

MC SWAIN  
LA ADVISED  
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REUR. ELIZABETH GIBBY AND BLACK SAILIA VICTIM, MURDER, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REURTEL MAY TWENTYONE. [REDACTED] MAY BE INTERVIEWED AS REQUESTED BY L.A. BUT HE

SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY INFORMED IN VIEW IS BEING CONDUCTED AS A COOPERATIVE MATTER

UPON REQUEST OF AND FOR BENEFIT OF LOS ANGELES PD AND THAT BUREAU HAS NO INTEREST IN

MURDER INVESTIGATION.

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CC LOS ANGELES

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*Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OK  
to interview [REDACTED]*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

DATE: March 27, 1947

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka Black Dahlia - VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his office on March 27, 1947. During the interview with [REDACTED] he furnished the following information regarding his relations with the victim:

[REDACTED] stated that he was stationed at [REDACTED] during the summer of 1946 and was assigned the duty of traveling to all sections of the United States to pick up deserters and AWOL soldiers and to return them to [REDACTED]. In accordance with these duties, he was directed to proceed to Fort McArthur, California in September, 1946, accompanied by [REDACTED] in order to pick up an AWOL soldier and return him to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived at Fort McArthur, located at San Pedro, California, on September 19, 1946. Upon their arrival they requested four days leave in order to visit Los Angeles, and were unofficially granted permission to take this leave without going through the proper Army channels. [REDACTED] separated from [REDACTED] on the morning of September 20, 1946, and proceeded to downtown Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] wandered around the downtown section of Los Angeles until about 1:45 P. M., when he stopped and stood leaning against the wall of a store on the corner of what he recalls was 6th and Olive Streets. While he was idly watching the passers-by, he observed the victim, accompanied by another young woman, walk by at about 2:00 P. M. After passing him, the victim turned around and walked over to [REDACTED] and asked him whether he had been in [REDACTED] at this time was wearing his Army khaki uniform with numerous overseas ribbons and with the shoulder badge of [REDACTED] on his right shoulder. [REDACTED] stated that he told the victim that he was a member of [REDACTED] whereupon she inquired if he was acquainted with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he recalled a [REDACTED] who had been with him in [REDACTED] whereupon the victim advised him that she and [REDACTED] had been childhood sweethearts in their home town of Medford, Massachusetts. She also advised [REDACTED] that she had heard that [REDACTED] had re-enlisted in the Army but did not know where he was stationed at that time.

[REDACTED] stated that after this conversation he inquired of the victim whether she would give him a date for that evening. The victim agreed and

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The victim's girl friend separated from them, and the victim and [redacted] then proceeded to the Columbia Broadcasting Station Studios, where they saw TONY MARTIN broadcast. Thereafter they proceeded to Tom Brenneman's. [redacted] stated that at the corner of Hollywood and Vine they met [redacted] who accompanied them to Tom Brenneman's. Upon arriving at Tom Brenneman's, they observed that a number of people were waiting in line for a table, but as soon as they entered the door, the head waiter came over to the victim and escorted her, along with [redacted] and [redacted] to a nearby table. [redacted] stated that during the time they were at Tom Brenneman's, he observed that the victim appeared to be well known to all of the waiters there.

[redacted] related that while they dined at Tom Brenneman's, the victim's conversation returned to [redacted] and she again related that he had been quite jealous of her when they were young and had told her not to have any boy friends. [redacted] stated that the victim related this in a laughing, matter-of-fact manner and thought that it was quite a joke. The victim advised [redacted] that she had seen [redacted] upon his return from the Army, but had not seen him for several months. [redacted] stated that he advised the victim that he had only known [redacted] under combat conditions and, therefore, did not know him very well. [redacted] also stated that the victim was very well dressed and caught the attention of many of the guests at Tom Brenneman's. He stated that he caught snatches of conversations of people seated in the immediate vicinity and heard some of them suggest that she must be a professional actress employed by RKO or some other studio. [redacted] advised that they departed from Tom Brenneman's establishment at approximately 12:30 A. M., September 21, 1946, at which time [redacted] separated from them.

[redacted] said that they rode a trolley to return to the hotel and had to walk about five blocks from the point where they left the trolley, and while they were walking back to the hotel, a black car drove up beside them and stopped. [redacted] stated that there were five men seated in the car who appeared to be dark complexioned and possibly were Mexicans, three of whom jumped out of the rear of the car and yelled, "There she is." [redacted] stated that he suggested to the victim that he beat these individuals up, but she told him the best thing to do would be to run. Accordingly, he stated, they ran and escaped from these individuals, who apparently were unknown to the victim.



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Upon arriving at a point approximately one block from the hotel, the victim told [redacted] to wait outside for about twenty minutes while she proceeded to her room alone since the hotel regulations were rather strict. [redacted] stated that he then waited for twenty-five minutes before entering the hotel and then immediately proceeded to her room. [redacted] was unable to recall the floor or the room number of the victim's room. He stated that upon knocking on the door, the victim immediately opened the door and he observed her dressed in a flimsy negligee.

[redacted] then proceeded to take a shower and then got into the bed. [redacted] stated that after lying in bed for a few minutes he advised the victim that he was unable to sleep, and she stated that she also was unable to sleep. [redacted] then suggested to the victim that he kiss her goodnight, at which time he proceeded to get into bed with her. [redacted] related that immediately thereafter he proceeded to make love to the victim and was successful in having relations with her. He stated that he had relations with the victim numerous times during the night. [redacted] said that at no time was the victim in a passionate mood, which led him to suggest the possibility that she was a Lesbian. In order to corroborate this statement by [redacted] he pointed out that during his conversations with the victim, she related to him that she at one time frequently visited a wealthy woman who resides either in Hollywood or Los Angeles, and that this woman had made improper advances towards her, which she resisted.

The following morning, the victim's girl friend returned to the hotel room, and at this time arrangements were made to have [redacted] obtain a date for the victim's girl friend with his friend [redacted]. It was agreed that they would meet at 2:00 or 3:00 that afternoon at the corner drugstore located directly across the street from the Figueroa Hotel.

[redacted] and [redacted] were met by the victim and her girl friend at the aforementioned drugstore at about 2:00 or 3:00 P. M. on the afternoon of September 21, 1946, at which time they proceeded to have a coke in this drugstore. [redacted] stated that as they were leaving the drugstore, the victim suggested to him that each of them write a postcard to [redacted] and advise him that they were happily married and living in Hollywood. He said that the victim suggested that this would be an excellent way to make [redacted] jealous, and they both considered it a huge joke at the time.

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related that accordingly, he purchased some postcards and stamps at the drugstore, and that they then proceeded to write the postcards and to address them to [redacted] home address in Madford, Massachusetts, and mailed them at the mail box located near the drugstore.

[redacted] and [redacted] accompanied by the victim and her girl friend, then proceeded to a small beer garden, located within a short distance of the hotel, where all of them proceeded to get drunk. [redacted] stated that both he and [redacted] suggested to the girls that all of them return to the hotel, but both girls stated that they had dates with other men for that night. The victim indicated that her date was with a man having a car, who planned to take her someplace that night. [redacted] stated that he could not recall the name of this individual although the victim mentioned it during the conversation. [redacted] stated that after it became apparent that he would not have another date with the victim, he told her that he wanted to correspond with her and wanted to see her again sometime. Accordingly, he furnished his address at [redacted] which address was noted down in a small notebook by the victim's girl friend.

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] separated from the victim and her girl friend at about 7:00 P. M. on September 21, 1946, when both girls proceeded to the Figueroa Hotel. [redacted] stated that as the girls entered the hotel, he observed the victim in a heated conversation with a short, chunky, well-dressed man who appeared to be 40 or 45 years of age. [redacted] advised that he had not seen the victim since that time, and had never had any correspondence with her.

[redacted] claimed that after reading in the [redacted] newspapers that the victim had been murdered, he wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Police Department advising them of his meeting with the victim. [redacted] stated that he feared that his name might be found in the little black book of the victim's girl friend, and, accordingly, contacted the Los Angeles Police Department as soon as possible. [redacted] advised that he had never received a reply to his letter.

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670 [redacted] stated that during his various conversations with the victim, she never expressed fear of anyone, but she did mention that Los Angeles was a tough city and that it was dangerous for a girl to be alone on the streets at night. She told him that she was afraid to be alone on the streets at night, and while they were reading a newspaper in the lobby of the Figueroa Hotel, she pointed out to him an article which featured a resume of the number of murders and rapes which had occurred in Los Angeles over a short period of time. In addition, [redacted] stated that the victim told him that she was going with a man whom she did not like very much, but she stated that she did not want to hurt his feelings by stopping to go with him. [redacted] advised that he did not know the name of this man. It may be noted that [redacted] vigorously denied that he had ever been married to the victim.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the victim's girl friend:

Race  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Complexion  
Hair  
Eyes

White  
Approximately 21 or 22  
5' 2" or 5' 3"  
120 lbs.  
Light  
Brunette  
He observed that she appeared to have trouble with her eyes and noted that they were red most of the time. She indicated that she wore glasses at times.

[redacted] stated that he and [redacted] departed from Los Angeles, as well as he could recall, on September 22, 1946 to return to [redacted]. He denied that he was in Los Angeles from January 9 to January 15, 1947, and stated that the records at [redacted] would positively establish his whereabouts during that period as having been at [redacted].

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[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was stationed at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] recently [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] but was scheduled to be discharged [REDACTED]

The following description of [REDACTED] and background information concerning him was obtained from [REDACTED] during the course of the interview:

Race  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Scars and marks

Born  
Present address  
Telephone No.  
Home address  
Education

Army record

Relatives

White



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Marital Status

Married [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and obtained  
divorce [REDACTED] presently  
unmarried.

[REDACTED]  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 15, 1947

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka Black Dahlia - VICTIM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
Bureau File 62-82627

Rebulet 5/8/47.

Attached hereto are copies of memorandum addressed to the Los Angeles Office March 27, 1947.

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b7c May 23. 1947.  
[REDACTED]

John Edgar Hoover  
United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington D. C.

My Dear Edgar Hoover,

I have receipt your letter May 13. 1947  
which you stated referring a copy of my letter  
Police Department Los Angeles California.  
I am forwarding you a key which I suspect  
The killer Elizabeth Short the Black Dollie.  
This suspect gave me this key to get a room to gether.  
And swindle 75 dollars in cash of me.  
Which he promised me to put me in motion picture  
And make me famous this suspect claimed he was an  
Extra to act in motion picture R. K. O. Studio  
His first name is Vicent last name De. I cant.  
Not remember his last name.  
I wish you sent someone to see me I will explain things better  
as a letter which I wrote to  
Honorable Albert W. Hawkes  
I hope I could be helpful to you in anyway.

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May I hear from you real soon  
With kind regards  
I remain

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May 23, 1947,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

John Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Edgar Hoover,

I have receipt your letter May 13, 1947, which you stated referring a copy of my letter Police Department Los Angeles California. I am forwarding you a key which I suspect The Killer Elizabeth Short the black dahlia. This suspect gave me this key to get a room together and swindle 75 dollars in cash of me. Which he promised me to put me in motion picture and make me famous this suspect claimed he was an Extra to act in motion picture R.K.O. Studio his first name is Vicent last name De I cant not remember his last name. I wish you sent someone to see me I will explain things better. Is a letter which I wrote to Honorable Albert W. Hawkes I hope I could be helpful to you in anyway.

May I hear from you real soon

With Kind Regards

I remain  
[REDACTED] b7c

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July 20, 19

[Redacted]

Honorable Albert N. Hawkes  
Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C.

My Dear Senator Hawkes,

I have received your letter and Senator Knowland  
I thank you very much.

I am enclosing a letter which I have from the  
Federal Bureau of investigation John Edgar Hoover  
which I wrote Edgar Hoover which I suspect the killer -  
the Black Dahlia that this suspect swindled \$75 dollars of me  
which he promised he would put me in motion picture  
and make me famous he also took my social security  
number and my name kindly write a letter to  
Edgar Hoover if they have picked up this suspect.  
5 feet 4 black hair black mustache dark brown eyes  
weight 145 pounds is a boy I'm sending you which the suspect  
saw me at the time I was in California.  
You could forward this boy to Edgar Hoover  
please send the letter back to me which John Edgar Hoover  
wrote to me. I have lost my discharge button.  
Could I get another one.

Kindly Reply Soon  
With kind regards  
I Remain

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[Redacted]

May 20, 1947,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Honorable Albert W. Hawkes  
Senate Office Building  
Washington D. C.

My Dear Senator Hawkes,

I have recieved your letter and Senator Knowland I thank you very much.

I am enclosing a letter which I have from the Federal Bureau of investigation John Edgar hoover Which I wrote Edgar hoover which I suspect the Killer The Black dalhia that this suspect swindle \$75 dollars of me which he promised he would put me in motion picture And make me famous he also took my social Security Number and My name Kindly write a letter to Edgar hoover if they have picked up this supect 5 feet 4 black hair black mustache dark brown eyes weigh 145 pounds is a key im sending you which the suspect gave me at the time I was in California.

You could forward this key to edgar hoover.

Please send the letter back to me which John Edgar Hoover Wrote to me. I have lost my dischage button.

Could I git another one.

Kindly Reply Soon  
With Kind Regards  
I remain

[REDACTED]

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June 4, 1947

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 23, 1947, has been received and the contents thereof carefully noted.

Inasmuch as the murder of Elizabeth Short in Los Angeles, California, is a matter not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your communication to the Los Angeles Police Department for information and consideration. A copy of your letter to the Honorable Albert W. Hawkes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., is also being furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department. The key, which you transmitted with your referenced letter, is being returned herewith.

It is suggested that in the event you have any additional information which you think may have some bearing on the murder of Elizabeth Short that you communicate directly with the Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California. However, I want you to feel free to communicate with me at any time you have any information which, in your opinion, concerns the functions of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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June 4, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI  
UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, wa Black Dahlia, Victim;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are transmitted herewith three copies each of two self-explanatory communications prepared by [REDACTED] under the dates of May 23 and May 20, 1947, respectively. In this connection reference is made to Bulet of May 13, 1947, transmitting to your division a copy of a prior communication received by the Bureau from [REDACTED] for transmittal to the Los Angeles, California Police Department. It is desired that one copy each of the attached letters prepared by [REDACTED] be delivered to the Los Angeles Police Department for their information.

The Bureau will not interview [REDACTED] in the absence of a specific request from the Los Angeles Police Department. For your information, the key referred to by [REDACTED] is being returned to him direct.

Enclosure

cc Newark (Enc.)

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June 24, 1947

**I.I. #590      SOUND-PHOTO TRANSMISSION OF FINGERPRINTS  
LEADS TO IDENTITY OF ELIZABETH SHORT**

During January, 1947, the police in a Southern California city were not only confronted with the problem of solving mad butcher murders of women, but in the first instance were many times unable to determine the identity of the victims.

When the body of a young woman, severed at the waist and mutilated in other ways, was found in a vacant lot in Southwestern Los Angeles on the morning of January 15, 1947, they were again confronted with this problem. It appeared she had been dead about ten hours and the body had been placed in full view only a few feet from the sidewalk.

The authorities were practically at a standstill in their investigation until the deceased victim could be identified.

The fingerprints of the body were taken by the police, who then sought the cooperation of the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper to transmit the fingerprints by wire photo to the FBI Identification Division in Washington, D. C. Eliciting the aid of the International News Service, the newspaper transmitted the prints to its Washington headquarters. At 11 a.m. on

January 16 the pictures were received by the Identification

Division. Within 56 minutes an identification was established with two fingerprint cards previously on file bearing the name of Elizabeth Short.

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Despite the fact that two of the impressions were missing entirely and three others were badly blurred, FBI fingerprint technicians were able to make an identification by searching all possible fingerprint combinations. At this time there were approximately 104,000,000 fingerprint cards on file.

One of the fingerprint cards submitted and identified as that of Elizabeth Short indicated that Miss Short was an applicant for a position as a clerk in the Post Exchange of Camp Cook, California, on January 30, 1943. The other set was submitted by the Santa Barbara, California, Police Department reflecting her arrest on September 23, 1943, on charges of violating juvenile court laws, after which she was released to the probation department.

The successful use of scientific communications equipment in this case was referred to by the Director of the FBI as follows: "The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murder victim is an excellent illustration of the cooperation of the press with law enforcement, and it is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

The FBI was not only able to advise as to the Short girl's identification but, in addition, was able to furnish copies of her picture and a record of her past employment to the authorities and others interested.

The successful identification of Elizabeth Short prompted the Los Angeles authorities on March 11, 1947, to again

transmit fingerprints via the photo-wire service process to the FBI. From an indistinct set of ten prints, two of which defied efforts to classify, an identification was effected within 25 minutes after receipt. The unknown murder victim was identified as Mrs Lorena Preston and Los Angeles authorities were notified of the identification the same night.

The woman had been fingerprinted as an applicant on two different occasions.



STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tracy

DATE: 6/3/47

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Interesting Identification #590

Attached for approval is an Interesting Identification prepared in the Crime Records Section. Upon approval it is suggested this be returned to Crime Records for further handling.

Attachment

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Miss Gandy

*Elizabeth J. Short*

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ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA. INFO. CONCERNING [REDACTED]

NSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY RIVERSIDE PD ON CHARGE OF BUR-  
GLARY. SUSPECT STILL IN SERVICE OF USN AND CONSIDERED BY LA  
AUTHORITIES AS LIKELY SUSPECT IN ED MURDER. DESIRE TO ASCERTAIN  
THROUGH SUSPECT SERVICE RECORD HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT  
PERIOD OF JANUARY NINE THROUGH FIFTEEN, FORTY SEVEN. EXPEDITE  
ANSWER AS MATTER OF COOPERATION TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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Typed Name

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

September 18, 1947

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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RETEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DANLIA, INFORMATION

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CONCERNING. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TRANSFERRED JANUARY SEVEN LAST FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] ARRIVING SAME DAY. TRANSFERRED BACK TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JANUARY TWENTY-TWO LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL

HAVE RECORD SHOWING IF SUBJECT CONFINED TO BASE DURING PERIOD FROM JANUARY  
SEVEN TO TWENTY-TWO LAST. BUREAU INDICES REFLECT SUBJECT NO LONGER REEMERGED  
FROM NAVY, RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT LAST AT LOS  
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DIRECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH [REDACTED] SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, MURDERED EVA. [REDACTED]

FIFTEEN, LAST. [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORMERLY ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND TRANSFERRED IN SEPT., NINETEEN FORTYSIX TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] KNOWN TO HAVE CARRIED ON SEVERAL TELEPHONIC CONVER-

SATIONS WITH VICTIM WHILE HE [REDACTED] WAS STATIONED IN [REDACTED]

LOCAL AUTHORITIES DESIRE TO [REDACTED] ASCERTAIN WHETHER [REDACTED] PRESENTLY

IN SERVICE AND IF SO WHERE LOCATED SO THAT HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED.

ADVISE AS MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1947

Transmit the following message to:

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RETEL OCTOBER ONE, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA. WAR DEPARTMENT ADVISES

[REDACTED] BELIEVED FROM ACTIVE DUTY JANUARY THREE, LAST AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 15 1948

TELEMETER

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease

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10-16 AM

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, MURDER. MARK HANSEN

WA. MARK HANSEN, FIFTY TWO YRS, BORN DENMARK, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE  
SEVENTY FIVE LBS., LT. BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, OCCUPATION THEATER  
BUSINESS, HANSEN CONSIDERED LIKELY SUSPECT IN INSTANT MURDER.  
AS MATTER OF COOPERATION LOCAL PD REQUEST CHECK OF FILES FOR  
CRIMINAL RECORD OR INFO CONCERNING INSTANT SUSPECT. SUTEL.

HOOD

ACK PLS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MARCH 16, 1948

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Transmit the following message to: SAC  
LOS ANGELES  
**62-82627-60**

ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, MURDER. REURTEL  
MARCH FIFTEENTH LAST. SUSPECT MARK HANSEN MAYBE IDENTICAL MARK  
M. HANSEN, FBI THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT. FIN-  
GERPRINTED APRIL THIRTYEIGHT, APPLICANT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
LICENSE, BY STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, LOS ANGELES, NUMBER  
TWO TWO FIVE NINE SIX. ALSO FINGERPRINTED BY SHERIFF LOS ANGELES,  
APPLICANT SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF COMM. JUNE FORTYTHREE, DESCRIBED  
THEN - BORN DENMARK JULY TWENTYFIFTH EIGHTEEN NINETYTWO, FIVE **b7c**  
SEVEN AND HALF, ONE SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES,  
RESIDENCE SIX NAUGHT TWO ONE HOLLYWOOD BLVD. THIS SUBJECT HAS  
NO CRIMINAL RECORD IDENT. DIV. FILES. CONFIRMING.

HOOVER **b7c**

TELETYPE---URGENT  
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MAR 17 1948

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TELETYPE

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
CALIFORNIA



FLETCHER BOWRON  
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF  
POLICE  
CITY HALL  
LOS ANGELES 12  
MICHIGAN 5211

IN REPLYING PLEASE GIVE  
OUR REFERENCE

5.5

January 10, 1949.

John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

Dear Sir:

We hereby request your Abstract, Form T-2,  
indicating record of [REDACTED]  
described as being male, caucasian.

[REDACTED] years of  
age, in [REDACTED] A copy of his fingerprints are  
enclosed.

Request immediate reply by airmail, special  
delivery, as subject is a suspect in an important  
murder case.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

By [REDACTED]

RECORDS &  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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62-82627-6

JAN 14 1949

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-19-49 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Number: 62-82627-61

Case: RE: BLACK DAHLIA  
ELIZABETH SHORT  
MURDER

Specimens: The fingerprints of suspect [redacted] submitted for comparison with the latents previously submitted in connection with the above-entitled case.

Examination requested by: [redacted] Police, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Att: [redacted] Records and Identification Division

Date received: 1-18-49 [redacted]

Date of reference communication: 1-10-49

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Evidence Noted by:

*Fpts of above individual compared  
latents instant case. 1/14  
Distation 1-14*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. E. FLETCHER

DATE: 1-11-49

FROM : [REDACTED]

Time of Call: 10:55 p.m.  
1-10-49

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BLACK DAHLIA MURDER CASE  
Los Angeles, California  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

[REDACTED] of the Hearst Newspapers called. He said that the police had located a suspect in the above case by the name of [REDACTED] with aliases [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that the organization was supposed to get a set of the suspect's fingerprints in Los Angeles and send them to Los Angeles by wirephoto, whereupon he would deliver them to the FBI for searching. He said that he hadn't received the prints as yet and it didn't appear that he was going to get them. I explained to him that we would make such searches only for recognized police agencies. He said that he understood that.

ACTION:

None. This is being prepared in order that the Identification Division may be alert for such prints if and when they are received.

1-11-49-3:30 PM

Fingerprint of [REDACTED] who is probably identical with the subject compared with the later fingerprints in this case but no identification effected - Wire photo not received to date - [REDACTED]

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January 14, 1949

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

[REDACTED] Police  
Los Angeles, California

Attention: [REDACTED]  
Records and Identification  
Division

RE: BLACK DAHLIA  
ELIZABETH SHORT  
MURDER

My dear [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1948 submit-  
ting a set of fingerprints of [REDACTED] a possible suspect  
in connection with the above-entitled case, your reference # [REDACTED]

You are advised that a search of the fingerprints submitted  
through the Bureau's main fingerprint files, has disclosed a prior  
fingerprint record for this individual as #FBI [REDACTED] a transcript  
of which is enclosed.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters,

I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Quinn

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General  
 SUBJECT: Unknown subject

DATE: May 26, 1950

JMM:JFB:mlm

We are transmitting herewith for whatever action you deem appropriate a letter from an inmate of the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. This letter was sent through the prisoner's mail box and transmitted to the Criminal Division by the Bureau of Prisons. The writer alleges that the perpetrator of the "Black Dahlia" murder is presently an inmate of the Federal Institution at Danbury, Connecticut, and states that he can be identified by certain tattoo marks and that the alleged murderer is [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] b7C

Enclosure No. 69827

ENCLOSURE

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Memo to Los Angeles  
 6-8-50

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EX-81

m. \_\_\_\_\_  
To Mr. Miguel Medina  
(Name)

Mar 13, 1950.  
(Date)  
W. S. Courthouse, Foley Square.  
(Address)

Sir:

There was a murder committed in California in 1946. And yet the murderer is still at large. The person killed was known as the "Black Widow" and she was a show girl.

The person who killed her, is serving time at this institution, and you'll know him by a tattoo that he has on his right arm. The tattoo reads as follows, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He is a Spanish fellow [REDACTED]  
known as [REDACTED] b7U

A word to the wise...

June 8, 1950

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA "BLACK DAHLIA" -  
VICTIM, MURDER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY 15, 1947  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RESEARCH

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62-82627-64  
Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated May 26, 1950,  
from the Department together with a copy of an enclosed letter dat  
May 18, 1950, from an anonymous prisoner who furnishes information  
relating to the above-captioned case.

As a matter of police cooperation, it is requested that  
the contents of the letter from the unidentified prisoner be made  
available to appropriate local law enforcement authorities in Los  
Angeles.

Enclosure

cc - New Haven, with copy of memorandum and enclosed letter.

NOTE: See 62-82627

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 26, 1952

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-2928)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELIZABETH SHORT, aka "Black Dahlia," - VICTIM  
 Murder, Los Angeles, California,  
 January 15, 1947  
 POLICE COOPERATION

The Los Angeles Police Department continues its investigation into the unsolved murder of ELIZABETH SHORT. On February 25, 1952, [REDACTED] Homicide Division, Los Angeles Police Department, called attention to [REDACTED]

activity of [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] who had posed as a surgeon and thus had entered the Navy as a Surgeon-lieutenant, and had allegedly performed numerous surgical operations in the Korean area, although he has had no formal medical education, and was an impostor using the credentials of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The police have made no inquiry [REDACTED] and desire to delay such inquiry until more definite dates can be ascertained. It is suggested

AIRMAIL

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2/26/52

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that the investigative file on [REDACTED] may contain information as to his travels prior to his apprehension and may include dates of his stay [REDACTED]

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no identifiable record concerning [REDACTED] under his true name or any of the three aliases.

It has been a contention of the Los Angeles Police Department detectives that the person who murdered ELIZABETH SHORT had some training or knowledge of surgery or a related science, due to the manner in which the body of the victim was mutilated and bisected at the waist [REDACTED] requested that the files of the Bureau be reviewed to ascertain, if possible, the dates when [REDACTED] was in California, and when he might have been released from Navy barracks at San Pedro, a suburb of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Department has indicated no data reflecting [REDACTED] is a suspect in the Black Dahlia killing, and desires to know whether [REDACTED] might have a provable alibi for his location on January 15, 1947, which would eliminate him as a possible suspect in this murder.

As the Bureau has in the past furnished considerable assistance on this case to the Los Angeles Police Department, it is requested that Bureau files and records of the Identification Division be reviewed for data of possible assistance to the Los Angeles Police Department regarding [REDACTED]



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62-2657-25

SAC, Los Angeles (62-2928)  
Director, FBI

March 21, 1952

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka "Black Dahlia," - VICTIM  
Murder, Los Angeles, California,  
January 30, 1947  
POLICE INFORMATION

Reurlet 3/21/52, concerning [REDACTED]  
ASN [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED]

NSN

Information concerning the subject about the time of the  
captioned murder reflects that on November 18, 1946 the Office in  
[REDACTED] advised that the subject was there and was being held awaiting  
[REDACTED] sition. The Department of the Navy, in advising the Bureau of the  
subject's most recent exploits, [REDACTED]

A review of the Bureau file reflects that subject was inter-  
viewed at the time of his apprehension [REDACTED] during March  
which time he stated that he left [REDACTED] or April, 1946 and traveled to Los Angeles where he stayed at [REDACTED]  
Subject stated he stayed  
at [REDACTED] approximately three months and upon leaving [REDACTED]  
went to [REDACTED] Washington. The investigation  
reflected that subject first appeared at [REDACTED] was in Los Angeles  
6, 1946. This would indicate [REDACTED] approximately three months, from some time in March or April until  
early in June, 1946.

There are enclosed herewith two copies of the identification  
record of [REDACTED] under FBI number [REDACTED] This information is  
provided for whatever use may be made of it by the Los Angeles Police  
Department.

COMM TELETYPE

MAR 22 1952

MAILED 27

  
MARCH 14, 1975

Black Dahlia

Dear Sir:

I would like to request information  
or newspaper clippings on the murder  
case of the "BLACK DAHLIA TRIALS".

The information will be used on an  
English report on journalism.

Please send as quickly as possible,  
thank you for your time.

Sincerely Yours,  


UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION

(In care of Washington D.C.)  
(Airmail)

REC 44

62-82627-66

MAR 14 1975

22-47-101-1-10082

CORRESPONDENCE

March 13, 1975

REC 44

62-82627-66

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on March 7th. Inasmuch as the murder of Elizabeth Short was a matter not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, I am unable to furnish you the information you requested. This case was handled by the Los Angeles Police Department and you may want to contact that Department for any assistance it may be able to furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The "Black Dahlia Trials" was a recent television program about the brutal murder of Elizabeth Short in Los Angeles, California, January 15, 1947. Elizabeth Short was given the nickname of "Black Dahlia" because of her black hair and fondness of sheer black clothes.

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Dir.:

Admin. \_\_\_\_\_  
p. Syst. \_\_\_\_\_  
Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
& Com. \_\_\_\_\_  
Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
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v. \_\_\_\_\_

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MAILED 7  
MAR 18 1975  
FBI

MAR 25 1975

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Kyle J. Wood

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like a copy of the fingerprint card on a former civilian military employee named Elizabeth Ann Short. They would have been taken sometime during her stay at Camp Cooke, California (now Vandenberg Air Force Base), after she applied for work there on January 30, 1943.

She is the subject of a documentary that I am doing, and was also, the victim of a Los Angeles murder in the 1940's. I would like to have a copy of her prints, for not only reference material, but also, for use in the documentary itself, showing the image on screen for no more than a couple of seconds, if I decide to include it.

I have enclosed a copy of her birth certificate, and her death certificate.

Her Social Security Number is #022-18-4750.

Thank You.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
6/18/93

Telephonically contacted Mr. Wood on 6/25/93 and advised him that a name check of the FBI ID Criminal and Civil Files was conducted without locating any fingerprint record identifiable with Mrs. Short (deceased 1947). Advised Mr. Wood that it is FBI ID policy to destroy the fingerprint card(s) of deceased individuals 7 years after notification of the death. Bu Files reflected arrest of Mrs. Short by Santa Barbara, CA, P.D. and murder investigation handled by Los Angeles, CA, P.D. Mr. Wood was referred to these agencies for possible copy of Mrs. Short's fingerprints. Mr. Wood appreciated quick response and advised that no written response is needed.

ENCLOSURE

DATE: 6/25/93  
BU File # [REDACTED]  
re: Mrs. Short  
[REDACTED] 4092627.

FBI CT13 DIV.  
6/25/93

# CERTIFICATION OF DEATH RECORD

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES • REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

1907		1721	
DISTRICT NO.		REGISTRAR'S NO.	
<p>1. FULL NAME <b>Elizabeth Short</b></p>			
<p>2. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) COUNTY <b>Los Angeles</b></p>			
<p>(b) CITY OR TOWN <b>Los Angeles</b></p>			
<p>(c) NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>Found on Norton between Norton and Colliseum</b></p>			
<p>(d) LENGTH OF STAY: (SPECIFY WHETHER YEARS, MONTHS OR DAYS)</p>			
<p>IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>unknown</b></p>			
<p>IN THIS COMMUNITY <b>unknown</b></p>			
<p>3. (1) IF FOREIGN BORN, HOW LONG IN THE U. S. A. <b>9</b> YEARS</p>			
<p>(2) IF VETERAN, NAME OF WAR <b>NO</b></p>			
<p>4. SEX <b>female</b></p>			
<p>5. COLOR OR RACE <b>cauc</b></p>			
<p>6. (A) SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <b>single</b></p>			
<p>6. (C) AGE OF HUSBAND OR WIFE IF ALIVE <b>single</b></p>			
<p>7. BIRTHDATE OF DECEASED <b>July 29, 1924</b></p>			
<p>8. AGE <b>22</b> YRS <b>5</b> MOS <b>16</b> DAYS</p>			
<p>9. BIRTHPLACE <b>Hyde Park, Mass.</b></p>			
<p>10. USUAL OCCUPATION <b>waitress</b></p>			
<p>11. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS <b>restaurant</b></p>			
<p>12. NAME <b>Cleo Alvin Short</b></p>			
<p>13. BIRTHPLACE <b>Virginia</b></p>			
<p>14. MAIDEN NAME <b>Phoebe M Sawyer</b></p>			
<p>15. BIRTHPLACE <b>Maine</b></p>			
<p>16. (A) INFORMANT <b>Phoebe Sawyer</b></p>			
<p>(B) ADDRESS <b>115 Salem St., Medford Mass.</b></p>			
<p>17. (A) PLACE OF DEATH <b>Los Angeles</b></p>			
<p>(B) DATE <b>1-1-57</b></p>			
<p>(C) PLACE <b>Los Angeles</b></p>			
<p>(D) EMBALMER'S SIGNATURE <b>Pierce Brothers</b></p>			
<p>(E) FUNERAL DIRECTOR <b>Pierce Brothers</b></p>			
<p>ADDRESS <b>701 Washington Blvd.</b></p>			
<p>BY <b>groves</b></p>			
<p>19. (A) DATE FILED <b>JAN 27 1947</b></p>			
<p>(B) <b>Los Angeles</b></p>			
<p>20. DATE OF DEATH: MONTH <b>January</b> DAY <b>14</b> OR <b>15</b> YEAR <b>1947</b></p>			
<p>21. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE</p>			
<p>I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED <b>19</b> FROM <b>19</b> TO <b>19</b> ALIVE <b>19</b> THAT I LAST SAW M. <b>19</b> ON <b>19</b> AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.</p>			
<p>IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Hemorrhage + shock</b></p>			
<p>DUETO <b>Concussion of the brain + lacerations of the face</b></p>			
<p>OTHER CONDITIONS (INCLUDE FRAILTY WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF DEATH)</p>			
<p>MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATIONS</p>			
<p>OF AUTOPSY <b>As above</b></p>			
<p>22. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE</p>			
<p>I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I HELD AN AUTOPSY, PROCEEDED TO INVESTIGATION ON THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND FROM FROM SUCH ACTION THAT DECEASED CAME TO BE <b>19</b> DEATH ON THE DATE AND HOUR STATED ABOVE.</p>			
<p>PHYSICIAN</p>			
<p>23. (A) DEATH MADE DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES, FILL IN THE FOLLOWING:</p>			
<p>(1) ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR HOMICIDE <b>homicide</b></p>			
<p>(2) DATE OF DEATH <b>1/15/47</b></p>			
<p>(3) WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR <b>Los Angeles, California</b></p>			
<p>(4) DID INJURY OCCUR IN OR ABOUT HOME, OR FARM, IN INDUSTRIAL PLACE, OR IN PUBLIC PLACE? <b>While at work</b></p>			
<p>(5) MEANS OF INJURY <b>Struck with unknown instrument</b></p>			
<p>24. CORONER'S SIGNATURE <b>Ben H. Brown</b></p>			
<p>ADDRESS <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b></p>			
<p>U. S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS</p>			

This is to certify that this document is a true copy of the official record filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.



**Charles Weissburg**  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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This copy not valid unless prepared on engraved border displaying the Seal and Signature of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

# REGISTRY DIVISION, CITY OF BOSTON

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD OF **BIRTH** IN OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTRAR

Certificate No 083698

CC



City Registrar of the City of Boston, and have the custody of the

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I hold the office of

Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths required by law to be kept in said City; and I certify that the following facts appear on said Records:

No. 11509 Date of Birth July 29, 1924 Name of Child Elyzabeth Short

NAME, MAIDEN NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER

Phoebe M. Sawyer

Millbridge, Me

NAME, SURNAMES AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER

Chas. A. Short

Gloucester, Va.

RESIDENCE OF PARENTS

Boston

ma

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

C. E. Bryant

m. d.

PLACE OF BIRTH

Boston

ma

OCCUPATION OF PARENT

Salesman

DATE OF RECORD

August 9, 1924

I further certify that by annexation, the Records of the following-named cities and towns are in the custody of the City Registrar of Boston:--

ANNEXED	ANNEXED
East Boston.....1837	Charlestown.....1874
South Boston.....1894	Brighton.....1874
Roxbury.....1868	West Roxbury.....1912
Dorchester.....1870	Hyde Park.....1912

Date of amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS my hand and the SEAL of the CITY REGISTRAR

on this APR 29 1923 A. D. 19...

Judith A. McSavoy

City Registrar

By Chapter 314 of the Acts of 1892, "the certificate or attestations of either Assistant City Registrar shall have the same force and effect as that of the City Registrar."

### **FBI Identifies Girl Killed in Los Angeles**

The FBI announced last night that a young girl whose butchered body was found in Los Angeles had been identified as Elizabeth Short, 22, a native of Hyde Park, Mass.

Check of fingerprint records, the FBI said, showed that the girl had applied for a clerk's job in the post exchange at Camp Cooke, California January 30, 1943. The FBI added that she was taken into custody at Santa Barbara on September 23, 1943, for alleged violation of juvenile court laws, after which she was put on probation.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# FBI Identifies Girl Mutilated by Butcher Slayer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16 (CTPS)—Fingerprints have identified the attractive victim of a brutal sex-fiend murder found Wednesday in a vacant lot in West Los Angeles as Elizabeth Short, 22, of Santa Barbara, the FBI said today.

The identification was made as scores of persons telephoned and visited the homicide detail in City Hall, claiming the girl to be a relative or friend.

## Former Army Employee

The victim had been employed in 1943 at Camp Cooke, Calif., as a post exchange clerk.

At the time she went to work at the army post, 100 miles north of here, her fingerprints were taken and forwarded to Washington, a routine wartime procedure with all civilian employees at military bases.

One youth was questioned at City Hall as a possible suspect in the sadistic slaying, while in the coroner's office, autopsy physicians announced that Miss Short died of hemorrhage and shock. The young woman's mouth was slit with a knife three inches on each side while she was still alive, the doctors said. This plus a concussion of the brain induced by blows on the head caused her death, they stated. Other mutilation of the body, which was found

cut in half and otherwise disarranged, occurred after death in their opinion.

## \$10,000 Reward Planned

So shocked by the details of the butcher-murder were city officials that a \$10,000 reward was planned for the capture of the slayer. City Councilman Lloyd G. Davis said he would ask the posting of the reward at the earliest opportunity.

Picked up by officers early today at a bus depot, Cecil French, 23, of Bakersfield, was booked on suspicion of a morals offense and questioned concerning possible implication in Miss Short's murder.

French, said officers, was seen molesting women in the vicinity of the depot. His automobile, parked nearby, was shy a back seat. French told police that he had removed the seat to carry some machinery. He was not considered a "hot" suspect in the case.

Santa Barbara police revealed that Miss Short was arrested there in September 1943, when she was seen drinking with a number of soldiers. A minor, she claimed one of the soldiers was her husband.

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# Torture-Slaying Victim Feared Sadist Suitor

(Pictures on Page 1.)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17—A rejected suitor who kept pretty Elizabeth Short in deadly fear of her life was hunted today as a suspect in her torture-murder.

Investigators withheld the man's name, but said the 22-year-old girl told friends on several occasions she was "deadly afraid" of him.

The suitor was described by Dorothy French, with whom Miss Short lived in San Diego, Calif.

She said Elizabeth was "very popular" with men and had many dates but often spoke about hiding from a man who frightened her.

She left the French home hurriedly for Hollywood Jan. 8, a week before a frenzied killer hacked and tortured her to death.

On the night she was killed, a ter-

ror-stricken girl answering her description begged a policeman for protection from a "jealous marine" who threatened to kill her.

Policewoman Myrtle McBride said the girl spoke of meeting a bus from San Diego. She was sobbing and hysterical from fear.

The next morning Miss Short's body, cut in two and savagely mutilated, was found in a Lovers' Lane vacant lot. It was identified last night by fingerprints in FBI files.

Police said she apparently had hung nude by her feet during hours of torture before she died of shock and hemorrhage.

Search for the fiendish killer centered around a Main-st cafe where the girl told Miss McBride she had run into her former boy friend, who threatened to "kill her if he ever found her with another man."

Miss McBride accompanied the girl to the bar where the girl talked to two men and a woman for a few minutes, then left. Miss McBride said she told her to go home.

"I can't," Elizabeth said. "I'm waiting for someone whose bus is due in at 10:30."

The 10:30 bus comes from San Diego, where she was believed to have been employed at the naval hospital.

The development was the first clue in the sadistic slaying, described by police as the most revolting sex crime in years. The FBI said Miss Short had been picked up as a juvenile delinquent in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1933, for drinking in a restaurant with soldiers.

Policewoman Mary Unkefer, who cared for her before she was sent home to her mother, Mrs. Phoebe Short of Medford, Mass., described her as "very good looking and nicely dressed."

The blue-eyed brunet was mutilated and butchered early Wednesday in a secret hideaway while her thighs, wrists and ankles were bound with rope.

Chief Autopsy Surgeon Dr. Frederick Newbarr listed the cause of death as shock and hemorrhage from the deep slashes the slayer inflicted.

Her mouth was ripped from ear to ear while she was still alive, and Dr. Newbarr said the agony of that would bring on shock. Then she apparently was beaten about the head and face with a club, causing the concussion but still leaving her conscious enough to suffer.

He said the horrible mutilation of the torso occurred after death.

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## An Artist Foins a Slayer

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Compare the drawing at left with the photo. The sketch was made by a police artist from the almost unrecognizable features of a then-unidentified girl whose mutilated body was found in a Hollywood lot. As the photo shows, the artist's reconstruction would have nullified the slayer's attempt to hide the identity of his victim had not police been able to identify the girl as Elizabeth Short, 22, thru her fingerprints. (See story, Page 14.)

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## Police Seek Mad Pervert In Girl's Death

Los Angeles, Jan. 17 (AP).—The mutilation slayer of attractive 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, whose brutal butchery was described by a police psychiatrist as that of a sex-perverted madman, was being sought on a nationwide scale today, with authorities trying particularly to locate her several "boy friends."

Her suitors were many, said Police Capt. Loren Q. Martin of Long Beach, where the girl lived until recently. He added that to hangers-on at a neighborhood drug store near where she lived she was known as "The Black Dahlia," for her raven-hair and the jet black clothing which she usually wore. When her mutilated, bisected body was found in a vacant lot Wednesday morning, her jet hair had been hemmed and was just beginning to grow out in its natural color.

### Seek Army Lieutenant

Police would particularly like to locate an unidentified Army lieutenant described as "tall and handsome," whom Miss Short allegedly told friends she intended to marry. She also was frequently visited at her Long Beach hotel by a Navy man, Martin said, and in Los Angeles, Policewoman Myrl McBride asserted Miss Short once asked her for protection from a discharged Marine whom the girl described as "insanely jealous." Martin said she also reportedly had a number of other suitors.

Miss Short, native of Hyde Park, Mass., came here from Medford, in the same State, about four years ago for her health, police were informed. Shortly afterward she took a clerk's job in the post exchange at Camp Cooke, near Santa Barbara, where, said her former boss, Mrs. Inez Keeling, she at first was shy and bashful and never dated the soldiers.

### A Model Employee

At that time, Mrs. Keeling told police, she was a model employee in all respects, not smoking and seldom drinking. A few months later, said Mrs. Keeling, she began to go out with the soldiers several times a week.

Identification was made through fingerprints on record with the FBI, both as a result of her Army post job and through her arrest in 1943 as a juvenile delinquent. She is the daughter of Mrs. Phoebe M.

## Butchered Girl Was Engaged



Associated Press WIREPHOTO  
ELIZABETH SHORT

of Medford, Mass., 22-year-old victim of a Los Angeles butcher-slaying, had planned to wed an unknown Army Air Force lieutenant undergoing hospitalization, a friend of the slain girl said yesterday. Mrs. Marjorie Graham of Medford, said Miss Short told her of wedding plans last October, when they were sharing a hotel room in Hollywood.

the work of a sex maniac manifesting "the sadistic component of a sado-masochist complex."

(In Medford, Mass., Mrs. Phoebe M. Short, mother of five daughters, said she would bring the slain girl's body home for burial. She said that Betty told her in a letter two weeks ago that she had been doing "bit parts" in motion pictures until she took employment in a Navy hospital at San Diego.)

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# Salesman Claims Alibi In Mutilation Murder Of Girl in Los Angeles

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—A red-haired former Army musician was booked on suspicion of murder today in the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short, 22.

Robert Manley, 25, salesman for a pipe clamp concern, was taken in custody last night as he returned from a trip to San Francisco. After being examined for hours by homicide detectives working in relays, he finally fell asleep answering questions.

Capt. Jack Donahoe of the police homicide bureau, wearily winding up hours of questioning, announced:

"Most of the evidence seems to be on Manley's side."

## Lie Detector Used.

The salesman willingly submitted to a lie detector test, according to Capt. Donahoe, which classified its results as "confused."

"We'll try again later," he added. "He's tired out, now. And so are we."

Capt. Donahoe made these points clear:

No bloodstains were found in Manley's car. (Police earlier had determined that Miss Short's body, after being butchered, was washed and hauled to the vacant lot where it was found.)

Manley's alibi for the time she died, early last Wednesday, "is a family affair" but "does not appear to have been put together."

Manley said he was at home asleep. He was a wife and a 4-month-old baby.

His wife, Harriett, met him at the jail, smiled fondly and chatted with him in low tones in a corner before he stepped nervously to the booking desk.

## License Number Checked.

The officer added:

Manley acknowledged meeting Miss Short in San Diego two weeks before Christmas; sending her a telegram that he would see her again January 8; meeting her and driving with her to Los Angeles, after a stop at a Pacific Beach Motel. Capt. Donahoe said Manley's detention was the result of a check of license numbers taken by the motel manager.

Miss Short's body was found in a vacant lot the morning of January 15. Manley said he left for the north on a business trip with a friend January 17, and read in newspapers there of Miss Short's identification.

The girl, a former Medford, (Mass.) resident with movie ambitions, has been identified by police as the widow of an Army major with a scrapbook—boy friends in many cities.

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## 'Black Dahlia' Suspect to Face Lie Detector

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20—A 25-year-old former Army musician, handsome Robert "Red" Manley, admitted to police today a month-long gay flirtation with murdered Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," but steadfastly denied any connection with her death.

Manley, married and the father of a four-months-old boy, said he "turned sick inside" when he learned that Miss Short's severed body was found in a vacant lot Wednesday.

### SUFFERING FROM SHOCK

Police booked Manley on suspicion of murder, nevertheless, and said he would be interviewed about this case.

Taken into custody after a business trip to San Francisco, Manley, a pipe clamp salesman, consented to a lie detector test at midnight.

Police later said Manley was suffering from shock and nervous strain, and he "couldn't establish a good normal" in the detector test and will be given another today.

"I'll go thru with it," he said. "I know I'm in the clear. I have nothing to worry about."

His attractive blond wife, Harriet, 22, sat in another room at police headquarters, wringing her hands and leaning for support on William Morris Manley, the father.

Police decided to pick up Manley after linking him to Miss Short thru evidence uncovered in an intensive week-end investigation. They declined to say what actually led them to him.

### MET AT BUS STOP

He admitted his association with Miss Short, 22-year-old beauty whose last hours were linked to a red-haired companion. He said he brought her here from San Diego Jan. 9, but denied seeing her since that day when he left her at a downtown hotel.

Miss Short, who had a host of boy friends, because known as the "Black Dahlia" because of her love for sheer, black clothing.

Police said William F. Sullivan,



MISS SHORT  
 "Such a pretty girl"

Railway Express clerk at Los Angeles station, tentatively identified Manley as a man who accompanied Miss Short to the station the day before she died.

Sullivan said she inquired about procedure for shipping a trunk and suitcase to Ketchikan, Alaska.

Manley, who lives with his family at suburban South Gate, said he met Miss Short Dec. 15, a month before her mutilated body was found. She was standing outside a bus station at San Diego when Manley, there on a business trip, drove by.

"She was such a pretty girl I stopped and raked up a conversation with her," he said.

### "DID YOU DO IT?"

He said he had a date with her that night and "kissed her a few times" but that's all.

When he last saw her Jan. 9 at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, he said that she hoped to meet her sister, Mrs. Virginia West of Berkeley, Cal.

"The sister wasn't there," he said.

left her at 6:30 in the evening—and that's the last I've seen of poor Beth."

A slender, neatly-dressed man, Manley said he was at San Francisco on business and did not learn of Miss Short's death until her picture appeared in the papers Friday.

"I called my wife," he said. "The first thing she asked me—crying—was 'Did you do it?' I told her, 'Of course not, Honey. What ever made you think I did?'"

He said he first met Miss Short Jan. 15 in San Diego, then "just ran into her" again in January when she had "bad scratches on both her arms."

Manley said he saw her again in San Diego Jan. 9 after they spent the night together at a hotel, he said.

No charge was filed against him, but his auto, a black Studebaker—similar to one described by Miss Short's friends as belonging to the mysterious star-red-haired companion—was impounded. Manley was picked up at the home of a fellow salesman.

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Salesman, 31, Admits  
Car Trip With Victim

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## Admits Auto Trip

Police said Manley admitted knowing the murdered girl, and said he drove her to Los Angeles from San Diego prior to her death.

Manley's automobile, a black Studebaker, was impounded by police.

Friends of Miss Short told police that Manley bore a resemblance to a man named "Red" with whom she associated. He was arrested at the home of Harry Palmer, of Eagle Rock, a fellow salesman. His car was found in Palmer's garage.

Miss Short was in a jolly mood at a drive-in restaurant near San Diego the day before her mutilated body, severed at the waist, was found in a vacant lot here, police learned.

A waitress told police that she served the black-haired, black-clad girl and "Red" the evening of January 14 at a drive-in restaurant near San Diego. Jadel Gray, the waitress, said she knew Miss Short as "Beth" and had served her on other occasions.

No hint of the dark tragedy to

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## Only the Photo Remains

News-Examiner

A night club photo found in a trunk (left) is the only souvenir of a war-time romance between 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia," and Maj. Matt Gordon Jr., who she reportedly married. The major died in a plane crash, Miss Short at the hands of a Los Angeles sadist. At right is Mrs. Phoebe Short as she arrived in Los Angeles to claim her daughter's body. (Story, Page 9.)





### Mother and Sister of Slain Girl

Mrs. Phoebe Short, mother of Elizabeth Short whose dismembered body was found last week, is shown (above) with another daughter, Mrs. Virginia West. Pale and weary, Mrs. Short arrived at San Francisco airport en route to Los Angeles to aid police in the search for the slayer of the 22-year-old "Black Dahlia."

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San Diego police said "Red" lived in an auto court not far from the drive-in restaurant where he was seen with the pretty, young erstwhile movie extra and party girl, Miss Short, at the time of the slaying, was living in an apartment in the Bayview Terrace housing project, across the highway from the drive-in restaurant.

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# Push Hunt for 'Vain Red-Head' In Murder of 'Black Dahlia'

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19 (UP).—The elusive "Red," hottest suspect in the "Black Dahlia" murder mystery, was a vain, red-haired youth who lived near 22-year-old Elizabeth Short and was seen drinking beer with her the night before her mutilated body was found in a vacant lot here, police said today.

Tonight police seemed to know everything about him except his name and whereabouts.

That they might even know his name was indicated by Capt. Donohoe of the Homicide Squad, who said police were looking for a red-haired former Marine with a police record extending back to his youth. The young man also was known as Bob, Donohoe said.

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The neighbor said Miss Short left the house Jan. 14 with a red-haired youth. She was seen enter a light-colored coupe with him. The car bore a transfer sticker with the words "Huntington Beach" or "Huntington Park."

Friends said Miss Short's mirror was an airlines employee who lived in Huntington Park.

Two unidentified men also were sought in San Francisco for questioning about possible information on the girl's activities and acquaintances.

George Plette, of Redondo Beach, who was arrested in Parker, Ariz., on an auto theft charge and questioned whether he admitted taking the car from a girl named "Betty" at Redondo Beach, was cleared of the slaying today.

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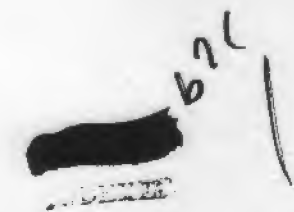
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# 'Dahlia' Murder Suspect Freed After 2d Lie Test

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The handsome former Army musician willingly submitted to the tests, declaring he had nothing to do with the murder. His wife and father both said he was at home the night Miss Short was slain and her body dumped in a vacant lot.

Release of Manley left police without a suspect in the five-day-old case. He was brought in for questioning late last night after having been sought since last Thursday.

Manley spent nearly two hours in the crime detection laboratories while police chemist Ray Pinker put him through a series of tests

to learn if his story were true.

Manley said he had had a flirtation with the black-haired girl whose bisected body was found here last Wednesday. But he had not harmed her in the slightest, he insisted.

While Manley was in the crime laboratory, Miss Short's mother, Mrs. Phoebe May Short, of Medford, Mass., returned from Berkeley, Cal., and visited the coroner's office.

Despite the plea of Coroner Ben Brown that it was necessary for a member of the dead girl's family to identify the body, neither Mrs. Short nor her other daughter, Mrs. Virginia West, would view it.

"I just can't do it," Mrs. Short sobbed. "It would be too

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## MOTHER WON'T VIEW BODY

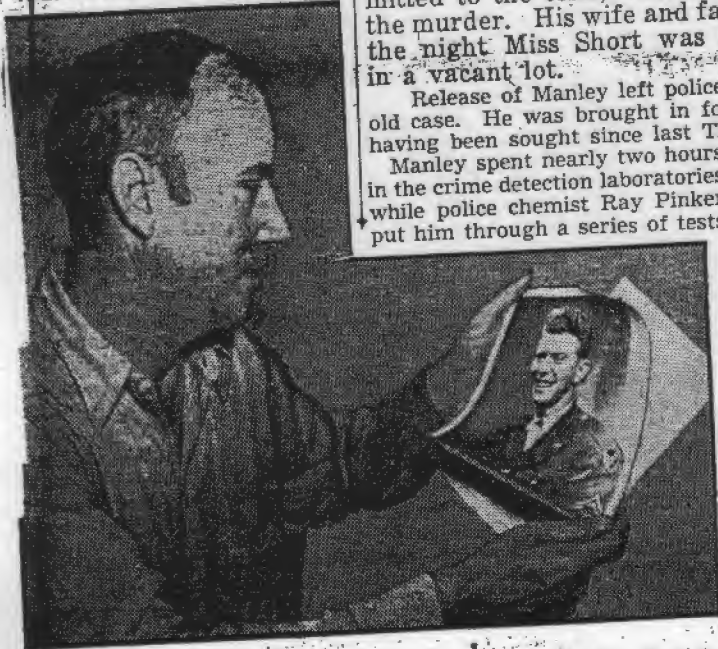


Elizabeth Short

Neither her mother, Mrs. Phoebe Short, nor her sister, Mrs. West, would view body of the mutilated girl yesterday.

(International Photo)

## IDENTIFIES 'RED'S' PHOTO



William Sullivan, railway express clerk at Union Station, Los Angeles, says man he saw with Elizabeth Short 24 hours before she died is same one he views in photo of "Red" Manley.

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# 'Dahlia' Murder Suspect Freed

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Manley was permitted to see his wife for five minutes before being booked and they tearfully embraced.

They were married 15 months ago when Manley was discharged from the Army, and are the parents of a four-month-old son.

## Seized After Hunt

Police arrested Manley last night at the home of a friend here. He had just returned from a business trip to San Francisco. A widespread search had started for him after witnesses told of Miss Short's acquaintance with a red-haired man. Officers would not disclose how they located Manley.

The suspect, who lives with his family at suburban South Gate, said he met Miss Short Dec. 15, a month before her mutilated body was found. She was standing outside a bus station at San Diego when Manley, there on a business trip, drove by.

"She was such a pretty girl that I stopped and raked up a conversation with her," he said.

He said he had a date with her that night and "kissed her a few times—but that's all."

He said he "just ran into her" again in January when she had "bad scratches on both her arms above the elbows on the outside." He said she blamed a "jealous" boy friend for the scratches. He drove her here from San Diego Jan. 9 after they spent the night together at a hotel—the last he saw of her, he said. He was supposed to meet her sister there, he added.

"But the sister wasn't there. I left her at 6:30 in the evening—and that's the last I've seen of poor Beth," he concluded.



## RELEASED AFTER TEST

Robert "Red" Manley, ex-Army musician, stoically undergoes lie detector test by Los Angeles police, after arrest on suspicion of murder in mutilation-slaying of Elizabeth Short. He was released after second test failed to link him with the slaying.

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(International)

**Wife Cheers  
Her 'Red'**



Robert  
"Red" Manley  
is cheered by  
wife, Harriett,  
just before he  
was questioned  
in murder of  
"Black Dahlia"  
girl. He was  
later released.

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### Her Faith Vindicated

Tears of joy stream down the face of Mrs. Robert "Red" Manley as she leaves a Los Angeles police station with her husband. Manley was released by authorities and cleared of any complicity in the "Black Dahlia" horror murder.



# 'Red' Released In 'Black Dahlia' Horror-Murder

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (UP). Robert "Red" Manley, 25, was released by authorities today after two lie detector tests failed to link him with the mutilation murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, "The Black Dahlia."

The handsome former army musicians willingly submitted to the tests, declaring he had nothing to do with the murder. His wife and father both said he was at home the night Miss Short was slain and her mutilated body dumped in a vacant lot.

## No Suspects Left

The release of Manley left police without a suspect in the five-day-old case. He was brought in for questioning late last night after having been sought since last Thursday.

Manley spent nearly two hours in the police crime detection laboratory while Ray Pinker, police chemist, put him through a series of tests to learn whether his story were true. He was held on a charge of suspicion of murder.

Following the test, Police Capt. Donohoe said Manley's reactions still were being checked. He admitted, however, that the second test was "no more conclusive" than the first.

Manley voluntarily submitted declaring he had no connection with her death. He said he had had a flirtation with the black-haired girl whose bisected body was found here last Wednesday. But he had not harmed her in the slightest, he insisted.

While Manley was in the crime laboratory, Mrs. Phoebe May Short of Medford, Mass., Miss Short's mother, returned from Berkeley, Calif., and visited the coroner's office.

Despite the plea of Coroner Brown that it was necessary for a member of the dead girl's family to identify the body, neither Mrs. Short nor Mrs. Virginia West, her other daughter, would view it.

## "I Can't Do It"

"I just can't do it," Mrs. Short sobbed. "It would be too much for me to do. You can't expect me, her mother, to look at her now."

Coroner Brown said he would attempt to get the girl's father, Cleo Short, estranged from his wife, to serve as identification witness.

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They were married 15 months ago when Manley was discharged from the army, and are the parents of a four-months-old son.

## Admits Knowing Girl

Manley admitted knowing Miss Short for a month and said he drove her here from San Diego January 9, but denied seeing her after that.

The red-haired salesman said he picked up Miss Short outside a bus station at San Diego on December 15 and dated her several times thereafter when in San Diego on business.

"I left her on January 9 at about 6:30 p.m. in a hotel lobby and I haven't seen her since," he said.

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# Cops Seeking Female Sadist

## Former Roommate Suspected of 'Black Dahlia' Slaying

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 21.—Police made a complete about-face today in their efforts to find the torture-murderer of pretty Elizabeth Short, and began an intensive search for a woman, rather than a man, as the mutilator of the "Black Dahlia."

Former roommates of the strikingly beautiful 22-year-old girl were placed first on the list of those to be questioned. The decision to change all previous tactics of the week-long search came after a meeting of the city's top-ranking police officials which began last night and lasted well into the morning hours.

### WITHOUT LUGGAGE

Prime suspect in the new drive is a girl roommate who disappeared Jan. 15, the day Miss Short's tortured and mutilated body, hacked in two, was found in a lovers' lane.

Adding to the belief that the girl's slayer may have been a woman were two factors:

First, she was known to be in Los Angeles Jan. 9 without any luggage which would indicate she spent the week before she was killed with some man who could provide extra clothing and makeup.

Second, police officials said they believed the killing followed a pattern of other horror-murders by women.

Her presence in Los Angeles Jan. 9 was sworn to by Robert (Red) Manley, 25, who was cleared of suspicion yesterday after a long grilling by police and two lie detector tests.

### JEALOUS SUITOR SOUGHT

Manley suggested another possible suspect, a swathy, sticky "blind date" who jealously scratched Miss Short's arms until they bled. The man was insanely jealous of the girl, he said.

"I saw some scratches on her arms when I had a date with her," Mr. Manley said. "She told me a blind date had been arranged for her in San Diego with this dark, swarthy man. This man thought another fellow got too friendly with her and she with him. He got insanely jealous. That's when he slapped and scratched her."

### NO MORE CHEATING

Mr. Manley saw the girl, whose coal-black hair and fondness for sheer, black clothing gave her the "Black Dahlia" nickname, on Jan. 9 when, he told police, he let her out of his auto at a Los Angeles hotel.

The police department's homicide



MR. MANLEY

squad, figuratively starting from scratch, was augmented by 100 additional policemen and began a wide-spread search for new clues to the girl's murderer.

Half of them combed the area where the bisected body was found, hunting for her clothing, bloody blankets, the ropes with which she was bound while tortured and her torture den.

The search turned up a military-type watch, still unidentified. Other officers began a thoro check of all the Los Angeles drinking spots where the popular girl had been seen.

Others went to the Biltmore Hotel, where Mr. Manley said the girl was meeting a friend, the day he last saw her.

An inquest was set for tomorrow after Mrs. Phoebe Short, mother of the dead girl, identified her butchered body.

Mr. Manley's pretty blonde wife, who insisted her husband was innocent of the fiendish slaying, left the jail arm in arm with him.

"That's the last time I'll ever cheat on my wife, believe me," he declared.

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Mrs. Harriett Manley, 22, at Police Headquarters in Los Angeles, urges her husband to keep his chin up. Robert Manley, 25, red-haired former Army musician, questioned in the murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, whose nude body, slashed in two at the waist, was found on a vacant lot. Manley later survived two lie detector tests and was released.

Associated Press Wirephoto

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# **Suspect Is Released In Mutilation Murder**

Los Angeles, Jan. 20 (U.P.) — Robert (Red) Manley, 25, was released by authorities today after two lie detector tests failed to link him with the mutilation murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, "The Black Dahlia." His wife and father both said he was at home the night Miss Short was slain and her mutilated body dumped in a vacant lot.

# 'Dahlia Slayer' Skips Date, Note Expresses Fear

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (UP). Three hours after the deadline for the surrender of the killer of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," police received a new note which said the murderer had changed his mind about giving himself up.

A previous communication had said the slayer of the 22-year-old beauty would give himself up at 10 a.m. today. The hour came and went without anything happening.

## New Note Sent

Early this afternoon Capt. Jack Donahue of police homicide bureau received a note. It was addressed to him and said:

"I have changed my mind about surrendering. I'm afraid I won't get a fair deal."

The note was composed of letters and words cut from newspaper, as were several previous messages apparently from the killer. It came in a typewritten envelope.

The envelope and note were turned over to the police crime laboratory for study.

The new note arrived shortly after the police had publicly pledged themselves to be fair to the slayer if he gave himself up.

For three days Donahue had awaited the deadline of the slayer's promise, received in the mail, to surrender himself at 10 a.m. today.

But the investigation was not without developments. In a 12-hour period, police received and rejected, completely or in part, three purported confessions to the brutal mutilation slaying of the black-haired girl.

The first came last night when Daniel S. Voorhees, 33, gave himself up to police after telephoning that he was the killer. He gave officers a written five-word "confession" which said: "I did kill Beth Short."

## held in Observation

Expert questioning on the dates when he allegedly met the girl convinced police it was unlikely that he killed her. But he was held in the county jail hospital ward.

Officers pointed out that Voorhees claimed he went out with the girl in 1941 but her family had said she did not come to the West Coast until 1943.

Detectives were even less impressed with the confession in San Diego of Emily E. Williams, alias Emily E. Carter, 24, a former Wac. San Diego officers said she told a rambling story and in their opinion was suffering from a mental ailment.

Miss Williams claimed she shot and stabbed Miss Short in an auto court on the outskirts of Los Angeles. The bisected body of Miss Short showed no evidence of a bullet wound.

The third unsupported confession came from Mannie Sepulveda, 37, who telephoned police and said "I killed Elizabeth Short." Officers met her outside a bar on South Vermont Ave. Brief questioning convinced them that she knew nothing of the case.

Although they had received nearly a half-dozen notes allegedly from the slayer, police were doubtful if any except the first had a real connection. It was the first note, received last Friday, which contained personal effects of the victim including her address book and birth certificate.

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## Soldier Who Dated 'Black Dahlia' Held

By the Associated Press

FORT DIX, N. J., Feb. 6.—A soldier said by Army authorities to have told of dating Elizabeth Short in Los Angeles on January 9—four days before the so-called "Black Dahlia" was found slain—was held in the Fort Dix stockade today while Army authorities awaited word from Los Angeles police.

Maj. Cornelius T. Morris, public relations officer, said the soldier, Corporal Joseph Dumais of Claremont, N. H., related that after the date his "mind went blank" and the next thing he remembered was being in the Pennsylvania Station in New York City.

The 29-year-old former combat infantryman was examined yesterday by a psychiatrist, who recommended that he be placed in a hospital, Maj. Morris said.

Dumais was taken into custody on the complaint of another soldier, who told the provost marshal he was having trouble getting back money Dumais had accepted for safekeeping. Maj. Morris said Dumais mentioned the "Black Dahlia" slaying while being questioned.

Maj. Morris said Dumais told investigators he did not know of the slaying until he read about it in newspapers several days later. He produced some clippings from his wallet, Maj. Morris said.

He added that State police chemists had determined that dark stains inside a pocket of Dumais' trousers were human blood.

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## Dix Officials to Query GIs On 'Black Dahlia' Suspect

Army authorities at Fort Dix, N. J., last night admitted that a number of soldiers on the post have reported seeing Cpl. Joseph Dumais in camp on Jan. 10, 11 and 12, which tended to shed some doubt on Dumais's claim that he had a date with Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," on Jan. 9 or 10, a few days before her nude, mutilated body was found in a vacant Los Angeles lot.

Los Angeles police found the Dahlia's body Jan. 15. They believe she was probably killed Jan. 14, but medical examination indicated she might have been dead for as long as 36 hours when her body was found.

Fort Dix authorities have no record of Dumais' presence on the post between noon, Jan. 13 and Jan. 17. They are now checking the reports Dumais was in camp

through Jan. 12. The soldiers who say they saw him will be questioned today.

Earlier, Dumais told Army Criminal Investigation men he had "blacked out" from drinking during a Jan. 9 or 10th date with the Dahlia in California while he was on furlough, and that it was "possible" he had killed her. Dumais also is supposed to have admitted knowing how the body was mutilated.

The 29-year-old, thrice married MP came into the case when he was arrested on charges of embezzling money from a fellow soldier. During routine questioning, he revealed he knew the Dahlia. A clipping telling of her death was said to have been found in his wallet, and blood-stains were said to have been on his clothing.

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**'I'M TERRIFIED OF HIM MYSELF'**



**Madeline Nichols**  
Common-law wife dreads the Dahlia suspect.

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knew the details of how her body was mutilated.

The Nicholas girl, who is one of three women whom Dumais has claimed as his wife during a series of tumultuous courtships and sudden break-ups, recalled with horror his temper.

She had seen him last on Thanksgiving Day, when he came to her mothers' home with a story about having just returned from overseas. She added:

"He said he had changed his ways, and asked me to go to dinner in Boston with him. I went, and he seemed all right. But, in a taxi, when I told him I wouldn't live with him again, he beat me up."

The girl managed to escape from the taxi and went to a police station.

# Five Give Dahlia 'Slayer' an Alibi

From out of the brutal, woman-beating past of Cpl. Joseph Dumais, who has told authorities he "may have" slain Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia" of Los Angeles, came the voice of his forgotten common-law wife yesterday to brand him as a "vicious," psychopathic bully.

Madeline Nichols, 25, of Holliston, Mass., who bore the suspected killer a child during a violent romance, said yesterday at her home:

"If he did this awful crime, I hope he gets everything he deserves. I am terrified of him myself. He has vicious fits of temper and has beaten me on several occasions."

At Fort Dix, Dumais, who until his arrest had terrorized other soldiers as "the toughest M. P. in the Army," was closeted with Army Criminal Investigation Division officials, trying to check contradictions in his so-called "confession."

The case took a sensational turn, however, when International News Service reported that five enlisted men at Fort Dix will testify today that Dumais could not possibly have been on the West Coast at the time of the murder.

According to INS, the men will swear that Dumais was on the post between Jan. 10 and Jan. 16, and that they had seen him personally. The report said the soldiers particularly remembered the murder suspect because he had been censured for parading around in the uniform of a counter-intelligence officer.

Capt. William H. Florence, head of Dix's CID, who has said he



Cpl. Joseph Dumais  
Army "confident" he's the  
slayer.

is "confident" Dumais is the mystery slayer, was trying to break through the prisoner's "blackout" to ascertain these two key points: whether Dumais actually was in Los Angeles on Jan. 15, when Elizabeth Short was murdered, and whether he

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# Dahlia Suspect Veiled by Army; Story in Doubt

FORT DIX, N. J., Feb. 9 (NY News)—The army's criminal investigation division here, faced with the likelihood of having its Black Dahlia murder "solution" blow up in its face, withdrew behind a curtain of secrecy today.

Corp. Joseph Dumais, the garrulous combat veteran and military policeman, who said yesterday that it was "possible" that he was the killer, was being questioned again by Capt. William H. Florence, head of the post's CID.

## Throws Up Veil

But Florence refused to talk to newspapermen, refused to let them question Dumais, and refused to tell what progress, if any, he was making. Yet yesterday he had announced that he was "convinced" Dumais murdered "The Dahlia"—attractive Elizabeth Short, 22, whose nude and severed body was found in a Los Angeles lot on January 15.

Capt. Jack Donohoe, head of the Los Angeles homicide squad, said the weakest point in Florence's case was the fact that Fort Dix records show Dumais was in camp at 3 p.m. on January 15, the day Miss Short's body was found in the lot close to a frequently used sidewalk and in plain sight.

## Plane Possibility

The body probably was placed there after dark on January 14 or early on January 15, Donohoe said, otherwise it would have been discovered earlier. Dumais couldn't have done it and get back to Fort Dix by 3 p.m. of January 15, Donohoe said, without flying East on a Constellation plane and there is no evidence that he did.

Today three sergeants said they saw Dumais when he checked into camp January 10 after a 45-day furlough and that they saw him there on January 13, 14 and 15. Post records show he was there January 11, but there is no record of where he was on January 12.

Meanwhile at Tilton, N. H., the mother of Dumais' first wife reported her daughter alive and well. Dumais reportedly told authorities at Fort Dix she died under mysterious circumstances.

Mrs. Hazel de Langis said Dumais married her daughter, the former Eunice Fortune, on January 1, 1937, in Claremont where the corporal lived at that time. Town records show that Dumais was 19 and his bride 15. Told of Dumais' statement that his first wife was dead, Mrs. De Langis replied: "Who the hell said my daughter was dead?"

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## CITY ASKS FBI AID IN SOLVING 'DAHLIA' CASE

Request Follows Horrall Meeting  
With Bowron on Slayings

FBI aid in solving mutilation slayings of the "Black Dahlia" and the "Flying Nurse" was asked yesterday.

Police Chief C. B. Horrall made the request during a long conference with the Honorable R. H. Hood, Los Angeles chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Action followed a meeting of Horrall with Mayor Fletcher Bowron. The Mayor was understood to have given unqualified approval to enlistment of Federal aid in the current wave of crimes against women.

### TWO KILLINGS

Two ghastly killings occurred within a period of 26 days.

Last January 15 the nude body of Betty Short, 22, called the "Black Dahlia," was flung into a vacant lot in the 3800 block of Norton avenue. She had been bludgeoned and her body severed at the waist.

February 10 brought discovery of the body of Mrs. Jeanne Ax-ford Esench, 45, actress, aviatrix and nurse, in a field off the 3200 block of Grand View boulevard, West Los Angeles.

She had been clubbed, then stamped to death by a man's feet. Her nude body was obscenely inscribed with lipstick—an im-printable phrase and the letters "B D," suggesting "Black Dahlia."

### HELP EXPECTED

There was little doubt in official circles that the FBI would join forces with police in the investigation.

Normally FBI men are involved only in offenses against Federal law or crimes involving two or more states.

It was pointed out, however, that law gives them jurisdiction when their help is requested by a chief of local law enforcement.

Entry of the FBI into the "Black Dahlia" and "Flying Nurse" cases would bring the vast resources of Federal crime laboratories, criminal record files and highly skilled operatives to bear on the crimes.

It was expected that FBI men would immediately begin a check of investigations completed or in progress by city detectives.

Authorities emphasized, however, that enlistment of FBI aid was not intended to disparage efforts of Los Angeles homicide officers, who have been working night and day on the cases.

On the contrary, the purpose of the move is to give them every possible assistance, it was said officially.

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## **'Dahlia' Suspect— Held in St. Louis**

ST. LOUIS, March 18 (INS).—  
 St. Louis police said tonight a  
 man held in the city jail since  
 Feb. 12 had admitted the slay-  
 ing in Los Angeles of Elizabeth  
 Short, "the Black Dahlia."

Picked up on a stolen-car  
 charge, he gave the name of  
 Melvin Bailey, 23, and said he  
 was from Missouri.

According to police, Bailey said  
 he met Miss Short at a Los  
 Angeles bar. They decided to  
 travel together to Missouri,  
 Bailey said, but the girl later told  
 him she was going to Missouri  
 with two soldiers.

Bailey said he was incensed by  
 this. While they were sitting in  
 a car, Bailey told authorities, he  
 seized a Commando knife and  
 stabbed the girl.

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— Daily Mirror

## Youth Confesses Killing 'Dahlia' With Army Knife

St. Louis, March 18 (AP).—Chief of Detectives Leonard Murphy said a 23-year-old youth being questioned for auto theft today suddenly volunteered a detailed story of killing Elizabeth Short—"the Black Dahlia"—in Los Angeles last January.

Chief Murphy said the youth, booked as Melvin R. Bailey, 23, of Lemay, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, signed a statement giving details of the crime just before 7 p. m.

Murphy said Bailey told of "cutting her up" with his commando knife the night of January 12 after a round of drinking in a Los Angeles bar, because she refused to go East with him.

He said he had come to St. Louis by bus from San Francisco a few days after the killing.

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## Suspect Claims— He Killed 'Dahlia'

ST. LOUIS, March 18 (UP). Melvin Bailey, 23, held on an auto theft charge, confessed today to the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," whose body was found in a Los Angeles lot last January 15.

Leonard Murphy, chief of detectives, said Bailey "seems to tell a straight story."

Bailey said he was "dazed" the night of the slaying by benzedrine he had taken "for a lift" and did not remember the details. However, he gave names and dates concerning events leading to the slaying. Police said he would be held for questioning by Los Angeles police to determine the authenticity of his confession.

[In Los Angeles, police said there were several discrepancies in Bailey's story, especially as regarded dates. It was pointed out that Bailey said he killed the girl early on the morning of January 13 and immediately dumped her body in a lot. The body was not found until January 15 and an autopsy showed the girl had been dead less than 12 hours.]

[We are neither accepting nor rejecting Bailey as a logical suspect until we have checked details of his story," said Detective L. Harry Hansen.]

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ELIZABETH SHORT

## Another 'Dahlia Killer' Pops Up

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (UP). A 23-year-old Los Angeles painter, Charles E. Lynch, today told police he killed Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," while he was under the influence of marijuana and hacked her to pieces with a surgical knife.

At least 15 other "confessions" of the gruesome slaying here Jan. 15, 1947, have proved to be hoaxes.

Lynch was held on suspicion of murder. He will be questioned tomorrow. Early today the young man telephoned the homicide bureau from a bar and berated detectives for their inability to catch the killer. He was arrested in the bar a little later.

"I'm the one that killed the 'Black Dahlia,'" he told officers. "I'm glad you caught me. I want to get it off my mind."

Lynch said he first met Miss Short at the Lucky Spot cafe, Longbeach, Calif., near Camp Cooke, where she worked. They met again in a Los Angeles Main street bar last Jan. 14, he said.

"We went to a hotel and had a few drags of marijuana," Lynch told officers. "We took off our clothes and I killed her with a surgical knife I stole from the Camp Cooke hospital while I was in service."

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# 'Best Suspect Yet' Held in Slaying of 'Black Dahlia' <sup>3</sup>

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11—A 27-year-old former hotel clerk and bellhop was described by police as the "best suspect yet" in the two-year old Black Dahlia mutilation murder.

Police said Leslie Dillon, alias Jack Sands, was familiar with details of the unsolved slaying that never were made public. He was held on suspicion of murder.

Elizabeth Short, the Black Dahlia, was found slain and mutilated Jan. 15, 1947, on a vacant lot in the southwestern part of Los Angeles.

Police suspects have "confessed" voluntarily to the "Black Dahlia" crime during the past two years, but their "confessions" were proved fake by certain details withheld by police for checking purposes.

The 22-year-old beauty's naked body had been cut in half at the waist but other details of the mutilation were not made public.

## KNEW A 'SUSPECT'

Dillon first came under suspicion when he contacted Police Psychiatrist J. Paul De River and offered to help him with a book on sadism. He told De River that he was in-



terested in sadism and sexual vagaries.

Dr. De River said Dillon told him he knew a man who was a "good suspect" in the Black Dahlia case.

Police became suspicious of Dillon and investigated him for six weeks before arresting him yesterday.

## DENIES CHARGE

When Dillon met Dr. De River, he allegedly told the psychiatrist details of the crime which police have been able to explain. Police Chief C. B. Horrall said the explanations of the mutilation of Miss Short's body and her movements before she died.

Chief Horrall said it seemed impossible that the suspect knew as much about the case as he did without either having access to police files or first-hand knowledge.

Dillon, who said he had been discharged irregularly from the Navy, denied that he killed the Black Dahlia. He admitted being arrested in San Francisco on a pandering charge in 1946.

The suspect is married and the father of a baby girl.

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**Best Yet**

When Louis Dillon, former head of  
psychiatrists, proposed today  
in connection of the investigation at  
Fulton city he's the "best suspect yet" because he revealed an  
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**Los Angeles Bellhop Held  
In 'Black Dahlia' Killing**

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—A bellhop who the police say knows minute details of the 2-year-old mutilation killing of Elizabeth Short, the "Black Dahlia," is held incommunicado today as a suspect.

Booked on suspicion of murder, he gave his name as Leslie Dillon, 27, alias Jack Sands, J. P. Dillon and other names. He is a former sailor and intermittent Los Angeles resident.

Police Chief C. B. Horrall, who announced the arrest, said Dillon knows numerous details of the killing and mutilation "which could be known only to a person with direct knowledge of the murder itself."

Dillon denied killing or even knowing Miss Short, 22, a waitress with many boy friends and known as the "Black Dahlia" because of her fondness for sheer black clothing.

The girl's nude body, bisected at the waist, was found in a vacant lot January 15, 1947.

Chief Horrall said Dillon contacted Dr. J. Paul de River, police psychiatrist, six weeks ago, saying he was interested in sadism. Subsequently he arranged to meet Dr. de River, who said that for the last week he had been discussing the "Dahlia" killing with Dillon.

Detectives kept surveillance on Dillon and made the arrest.

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LESLIE DILLON

## Dahlia Suspect Names Second

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11 (INS) — Los Angeles police today jailed one "red hot" suspect in the mutilation murder of Elizabeth (Black Dahlia) Short and opened a nationwide manhunt for a second man.

Police said suspect number one, Leslie Dillon, a 27-year-old bellhop, broke down after all-night questioning and named a Jeff Connors, who is sought for questioning in the death of the 22-year-old beauty.

Police said Dillon described Connors as "about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with brown hair and blue eyes." Authorities said that every effort will be made to find Connors.

Dillon, tabbed the "hottest suspect in the case so far," was booked for murder.

Police Chief C. B. Horrall said the person identified by Dillon "would be capable of committing this crime."

The "Black Dahlia" was found slain Jan. 15, 1947. Her body had been dismembered and indications were that she had been subjected to tortures "of the most revolting sort."

Dillon, who was working as a bellhop at a Santa Monica hotel, was arrested after a fantastic chain of circumstances. Official interest in the thin youth began six weeks ago when he contacted police psychiatrist J. Paul De River.

Dillon said that he was interested in psychopathic cases, such as the unsolved "Black Dahlia" murder, and he wanted to collaborate with the psychiatrist in writing a book. The two met and Dr. De River found that Dillon knew more about sadism and

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NEW 'DAHLIA' SUSPECT



Leslie Dillon, 27-year-old bellhop, was held incommunicado in Los Angeles as a suspect in the two-year-old "Black Dahlia" murder. Police say Dillon knows minute details of the slaying of Elizabeth Short, but denies killing or even knowing her, and named man "capable of committing this crime."

(AP WIREphoto)

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# 'Dahlia' Suspect's Alibi Attacked



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## Vickie Evans Arrested in New York

Accompanied by detective Jacob Zuckerman, Vickie Evans is shown in New York after she was arrested on a Los Angeles warrant in connection with a police dope raid.

## Dancer Denies He's Her Former Husband

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 (UP)—A handsome Hollywood bit player, arrested as a suspect in the "Black Dahlia" murder, alibied today that he was with his "former wife," Vickie Evans, a principal in the Robert Mitchum marijuana case, the night of the sadistic slaying in Los Angeles.

Jeff Connors, 40, debonair and smooth-talking, was picked up in Gilroy, Calif., and brought here on a tip from the latest "No. 1" suspect in the savage murder, Leslie Dillon, 27, who said Connors told him "intimate details" of how the "Black Dahlia" Elizabeth Short was killed.

### Says He was Working

On the night the Black Dahlia was murdered, Connors said, he was with Miss Evans and working as a stand-in on a Columbia Pictures lot. Her real name, he said, was Grace Allen. She is his former wife, he added.

In New York, Miss Evans denied through her counsel that she had been married to a man named Jeff Connors, that she ever knew



JEFF CONNORS

such a man or that she ever used the name of Grace Allen. Atty Martin Benjamin said she was formerly married to a Pittsburgh utility company worker whose name he did not recall. Miss Evans was in seclusion.

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Connors said his real name was "Arthur Lane" and Connors was a pen name he has used for several years.

Miss Evans' Los Angeles lawyer said she had not come West until a year and a half ago.

### Miss Evans Arrested

Later today Miss Evans was arrested in New York on a Los Angeles warrant in connection with a police dope raid.

Connors branded the San Francisco bellhop's attempt to implicate him as "ridiculous."

"I can prove exactly where I was at the time of the Dahlia murder," he told Joseph R. L. Los Angeles assistant chief of police who flew here as the bizarre case that shook southern California two years ago was reopened in a series of rapid-fire developments.

Dillon, arrested two days ago, was released in Los Angeles on grounds of insufficient evidence. His story that "another man" had confessed knowledge of the crime to him had at first led police to believe he had a Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde personality and the "other man" was really Dillon's alter-ego of a "split" personality.

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# Names Vicki As Dahlia Case Alibi

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Connors said he knew the 22-year-old Miss Short "by sight" and had told Los Angeles police he saw her in a bar the night before her slashed body was found in a lot.

On the murder night, he said, he was with Miss Evans and working as a stand-in on a Columbia Pictures lot. Her real name, he said, was Grace Allen. She was his former wife, he added.

Columbia Pictures in Los Angeles denied ever having a "Jeff Connors" or "Arthur Lane" on their payroll.

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Connors said his real name is Arthur Lane and "Connors" is a pen name he has used several years.

Miss Evans' Los Angeles lawyer said she had not been in the West until a year and a half ago.

Reed took Connors to Los Angeles this afternoon when Reed said, Connors would be questioned further.

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# Freelance Writer Held For Questioning in Black Dahlia Slaying

By the Associated Press

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Police Chief C. E. Horrall said Dillon told detectives he had learned details of the Dahlia killing from Connors.

Connors told Mr. Reed and San Francisco officers that he knew Dillon but hadn't given Dillon any information about the killing and "I haven't the vaguest idea why he named me." He said he and Dillon met in a San Francisco bar in 1946.

Connors added that after the Dahlia killing—Miss Short's nude, bisected body was found here January 15, 1947—he volunteered what he thought would be helpful information to Los Angeles police, namely, that the night before the slaying a girl friend of his had pointed out the "Black Dahlia" in a Los Angeles bar.

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Meantime, Mrs. Grace Allen of Los Angeles told a reporter she is the divorced wife of Connors and said he was working in a Hollywood studio the night before the Dahlia killing came to light. She said that when the newspapers appeared next day Connors talked about the case and warned her about the dangers of going out alone.

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# Movie Actor Seized In Dahlia Murder

San Francisco, Jan. 22 (AP).—A Hollywood hit player, arrested as a suspect in the Black Dahlia murder, admitted today that he was with his "former wife," George Vicki Evans, a principal in the Robert-Mitchum marriage case, the night of the Los Angeles slaying two years ago.

Joe Conners, 30, debonair and smooth-talking, was picked up today in Oliver, Calif., and brought here on a 100-hour bail as an earlier No. 1 suspect in the strange murder. Ladies

## Odum Hope For Record

San Francisco, Jan. 22 (AP).—The Odum family, including the late Senator, today announced that they were planning to hold a memorial service for the late Senator in the city of San Francisco. The service was to be held at the City Hall and was to be attended by a large number of people. The Odum family is a prominent one in the city and the late Senator was a well-known figure.



# She Never Heard of the Jerk, Says Vicki, Nixing 'Wife' Alibi

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# Disproved?



—News-Atlas.  
Los Angeles police claim the alibi of Jeff Cannors (above), suspect in the slaying of the "Black Dahlia" has been disproved. Cannors says he was with Dancer Vicki Evans the night that the "Black Dahlia" (Elizabeth Short) was brutally slain.

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# Ex-Wife Supports Suspect's Alibi in 'Dahlia' Murder Case

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13 (UP). "Black Dahlia" murder suspect Jeff Connors' ex-wife, Mrs. Grace Allen, said today that he could not have slain Elizabeth Short two years ago.

Mrs. Allen said her ex-husband, whose real name is Arthur Lane, was working at Columbia studios the night of the "Black Dahlia" murder, Jan. 14, 1947.

Payroll records at the studio showed an Artie Lane worked as a laborer. The studio had failed to find him on its records as a writer, actor or standin.

## Arrested on a Tip

Connors was being brought here from San Francisco by automobile. He was picked up in Gilroy, Calif., 80 miles south of San Francisco on a tip supplied by a former suspect, Leslie Dillon, who was released yesterday.

Mrs. Allen, who lives in near-by Inglewood, told police she was positive of the date because she recalled that on Jan. 15, when the "Black Dahlia's" body was found, they discussed the crime.

"He doesn't know as much about the 'Black Dahlia' as I do, and I know absolutely nothing," she said.

When arrested, Connors said his former wife was dancer Vicki Evans, a defendant in the Robert Mitchum marijuana case. But he said Miss Evans' real name was Grace Allen.

## Never Used Evans Name

The real Mrs. Allen said she had never gone by the name of Evans and could not explain why Connors made that statement.

Mrs. Allen said that on the night of Jan. 14, 1947, her husband went to work at 2 p.m. and came home at 11 p.m.

"On the following morning he showed me newspapers with the

warning that I shouldn't go out alone," she said.

Mrs. Allen said she and her former husband separated in March, 1947, and were divorced. Connors, at the time of his arrest, was described by assistant police chief Joe Reed as "a definite suspect." The same thing had been said about Dillon until his release.

In the two years since the mutilated and bisected body of Miss Short was found, scores of suspects have been examined and released including several who "confessed" the slaying.



International Soundphoto

## Ex-Wife Gives 'Dahlia' Suspect Alibi

Shown in Los Angeles with her pet Scotty, Mrs. Grace Allen, divorced wife of Jeff Connors who is being held as a suspect in the "Black Dahlia" murder told reporters yesterday that he was working at the time of the slaying.

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## 'Black Dahlia' Murder Site Found in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13 (INS).  
 A Los Angeles newspaper reported today that the scene of the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short — the "Black Dahlia" — has been discovered by grand jury investigators.



Elizabeth Short

The Herald and Express said that evidence uncovered in the 30-months-old butcher-murder indicates that the 22-year-old beauty with a penchant for sheer black underthings was killed near where the body was found.

It was reported that the room where the murder took place was less than 15 minutes drive from the vacant lot where the nude and bisected body of the girl was discovered Jan. 15, 1947, touching off a nation-wide hunt for the slayer.

Grand jury investigators, according to the newspaper, said blood-covered sheets and blood-stained clothes of the size worn by the "Black Dahlia" were seen in the room of a house on one of Los Angeles' busiest streets.

Numerous persons will be subpoenaed, a grand jury spokesman said, to testify concerning the new evidence.

The murder was the first of a series of unsolved Los Angeles murders of women. Hundreds of persons were questioned and scores arrested but no evidence pointed to the killer.

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# Dahlia Killing Story Checked

Police today were checking the "confession" of a man who claims he helped kill Elizabeth Short, 22, known as the "Black Dahlia," in Los Angeles on Jan. 15, 1947.

Ralph Von Hiltz, 44, walked into the E. 35th st. station just before midnight and told desk Lt. Arthur Bendix he wanted to give himself up.

Bendix turned him over to Dets. John Mostecak, John Mallon and Daniel Fisher. After hours of questioning he was charged with vagrancy and placed in a cell in the E. 67th station.

**MURDERED IN 1947.**  
The story he told police was this:

He was a friend of a red-headed sailor named Daniel James, who was stationed at the San Diego, Calif., Naval Base. The movie struck short girl whose home was in Medford, Mass., was keeping company with the sailor.

According to Von Hiltz, the night Miss Short was murdered, he met James in Los Angeles, and got in the sailor's car. They met Miss Short and James accused her of seeing other men. She got out of the car and James followed and shot her in

the stomach with a .22 caliber automatic.

Then he told Von Hiltz:

"Go ahead. Go ahead! Cut her up."

Von Hiltz said he got a butcher knife from the car and almost cut Miss Short's body in half, and otherwise mutilated her. On Jan. 18 or 19, 1947, he said, he was picked up by Det. Sgt. Henson of the Los Angeles Homicide Squad and held in Lincoln Heights jail for three days while being questioned in the murder and then released. He said he did not mention James because he was afraid and that James always carried a gun.

Since then, Von Hiltz told detectives, he had been wandering around the country working as a dishwasher.

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